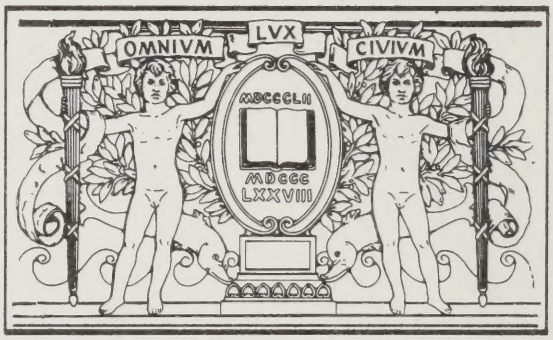

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Being A COMPREHENSIVE GUIDE Encompassing

Willett, Willet, Willette, Willit, Willot
Willets, Willetts, Willits and other variations
and Early Spellings of the Willett Surname

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To my very patient wife,

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AUTHOR'S PREFACE

"He who cares not whence he came, cares not whither he goes."
Ben Johnson

This book is a guide to all those who share the Willett surname. It includes all the variations of Willet, Willett, Willette, Willot, Willott, Wyllet, and Ouellette, and also the descendents of Richard Willett who spell their name Willets, Willetts, Willits, and Willitts.

When possible, each chapter is begun with an immigrant founder of a particular line. All too often, the earliest immigrant ancestor has not yet been identified, so a chapter is begun from the earliest known ancestor. At least six major Willett families were established in the colonial period of 1607-1670. These six main lines are: Captain Thomas Willett of the Plymouth Colony and New Amsterdam (later New York) (Chapter 1); Thomas Willett of New Amsterdam (Chapter 7); Richard Willet(s) of New Amsterdam (Chapter 14); Edward Willett of Maryland (Chapter 15); William Willett of Accomack County, Virginia (Chapter 16); and John Willett of Northampton County, Virginia (Chapter 17). Except for the later Colonial English and German immigrants dealt with in Chapter Twenty-Six, all the rest of the chapters are probably branches of the six main families.

There are two main approaches to genealogy. One approach is the desire to trace actual ancestry, while the other approach is the desire to find a pausible ancestry. The great diversity of records which have survived from the past, their recent availability in both print and mircofilm, and newly published family history manuscripts, have helped to make the determination of actual ancestry much easier at this time than at any time in the past. This book is devoted, as much, as possible to actual ancestry. Much of the record is incomplete. On occasion conjecture is used to bring some order to the mass of data. Whenever a fact or connection is uncertain, a qualifying statement is used to make the reader aware of the degree of uncertainty that is involved. These qualifying statements range from "but this is only conjecture (or speculation)" to "it is possible" to "most likely" that a birth, marriage, death, is associated with a particular person. Without these qualifying statements, and without some form of organization, there would be a mass of confusing data. For the genealogist, there are a vast number of records. Some have come to the attention of this compiler. Others, though available were not seen. It has nevertheless seemed important to put on record an account, however imperfect, however, incomplete, of the entire Willett family.

Two types of sources were consulted when compiling this book. One source is secondary; it is the printed record of other researchers. This source is sometimes contradictory, or incomplete. Much of this work has been compiled from unpublished typescript or handwritten notes. The other source is primary; it is the actual record, in its original form. The primary record consists of the wills, deeds, marriage records, the census records, etc. Each record, although a primary source, can be defective. The census taker can misunderstand the pronounciation of an individual's name; Willets can become Willis; a stepson can be listed as a son; the wife may have been home when the census taker came by, and the family is accidently listed under her maiden name. Quite often, the children and grandchildren are listed with the head of a household and it is initially difficult to figure out who is the wife of a son living at home (or is she a daughter?), and who is a child (or is he a grandchild?). A birth certificate, which often has the names and birth dates and locations of the parents, can have that information incorrectly listed by a parent, or relative who gives the information as he knows it, not as it really should be. Particularly, when it comes to the death certificate, often the last surviving member of a family carries to the grave the information of his actual parentage, and some grandchild, or great-grandchild is left to fill in the blanks as best

as he can. Every record needs to be compared with every other record to obtain the true picture of an ancestor's life.

The earliest printed record of any Willett family was a "little" book (2 inches by 2 inches) which had been written by Edward Willett before his death and published by his son in 1824. It was called The Matrimontal Life of Edward Willett, New York, 1812. The only known copy is at the Queensborough Public Library, New York City, in the Long Island Collection. It has very little of genealogical interest, but is the earliest written record.

The earliest attempt at a genealogical record was a one page sketch on the Captain Thomas Willett family of Plymouth published in October, 1848, in the New England Historical and Genealogical Society Register, in Volume II, on page 376. The author, unnamed states clearly that the outline is "very brief and imperfect." This outline was the earliest known record to suggest that a possible connection may exist between the Reverend Andrew Willett (1562-1621) of Barley, England, and Captain Thomas Willett of Plymouth. To quote fully:

> "So far as our researches have extended, we have met with but few instances of the name Willet in English authors. There was Andrew Willett, D. D., rector of Barley in the county of Herts., the author of more than forty treatises. It is not improbable that he may have been the father of our Thomas Willett, as he had a numerous issue and died in 1621."

Note that this author does not claim that Captain Thomas was a son of Andrew Willett of Barley; he only points out the possibility of such a connection. Also, this author probably had recourse to the list of English authors published by the British Museum. And thus, he was unaware of the numerous Willetts who lived in England who were ordinary farmers, merchants, and tradesmen. This author qualified his statement, and so he did not error. The author correctly identified Captain Thomas Willett, his wife Mary Browne, and named all 13 children. However, he did make one mistake in listing Edward, Elbert, and Isaac, as children of Samuel Willett (the 13th child). This was an error which misled many writers of "popular" history and biography.

The next 40 years seems to be devoid of any attempt to publish information concerning the Willett family. Then came a period, from about 1870 until maybe 1910 when the County or "favor" biographies became popular. Usually, these were printed on the "oldest" citizens of a particular county, and included a sketch of the principal's ancestors, or at least his parents and grandparents.

Thomas C. Cornell was the first to publish an extensive study in genealogy. On June 13, 1890, he read his paper, "Captain Thomas Willett, The First Mayor of New York," before the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society. It was to be chapter XVII of Adam and Anne Motts, their Ancestors and Descendents which was to be printed for the family. Cornell noted that Captain Thomas Willett was "supposed to have been" the sonof the Reverend Andrew Willett of Ely Catheral and Barley, England. Cornell was related to all three (Captain Thomas of Plymouth, Thomas Willett of New Amsterdam, and Richard Willet of Long Island) branches of the family and outlined the three families very well.

In 1895, Mary Powell Bunker wrote Long Island Genealogies. Family of Albertson, Andrews, Bedell, Birdsall ... Willets, Williams ... Being Kindred and Descendentd of Thomas Powell of Bethage, Long Island, 1688, which had a chapter dealing with the "Willits Family" of Richard Willet of Long Island.

Sara Patterson Snowden Mitchel wrote on Captain Thomas Willett of Plymouth in "Some Colonial Families, Willett of Rhode Island," in The American Historical Register, 1896. She repeated the mistaken tradition that Captain Thomas Willett was the son of the Reverend Andrew Willett of Barley, England. She even knew of the difference between the birthdate of Thomas Willett of Barley and the tombstone inscription of Thomas Willett (then) of Swansea, Rhode Island. However, she arrives at a "pausible" explanation, accepts it as fact.

In 1906, J. Edgar Bookstaver wrote The Willet (Willets-Willett-Willits) Genealogy, a Compilation of all the Branches in England and America. He made only 25 hand writtne copies, and then made blue print copies from the original. This is the first and only genealogy devoted solely to the Willett family. Bookstaver accepted that Captain Thomas Willett was the son of Andrew, yet, even he was aware of the difference between the birthdates of the two Thomas Willetts. However, his was the definite work for the enxt 75 years. Bookstaver was careful to note every fact that he knew, and to ascribe the information to fact, tradition, ot conjecture.

In 1914, Josephine C. Frost published The Haviland Genealogy, Ancestors and Descendents of William Haviland of Newport, Rhode Island, and Flushing, Long Island, 1653-1688, with special records of Allied Families of Field, Hull, Torrey, Willett-Willis. It had a few pages on the Reverend Andrew Willett and mentioned research that had been done in England in 1896 for Mr. Haviland.

In 1916, E. Haviland Hillman wrote on the "Ancestry of Colonel Marinus Willett," in the New York Genealogical and Biographical Record. It was only 4 pages and dealt with the father and grandfather of Marinus.

Samuel Willett Comstock produced two works, one in 1927, and the other in 1928, titled "Willet or Willett Family of New Jersey," and "Willett Families of New York and New Jersey." The first was of 38 typescript pages, and the second of 60 typescript pages. Only known copies are in the New York Public Library. His articles dealt mainly with the Long Island and New Jersey Willett families. He had collected most of the data on the New Jersey families, and had most of the clues needed to arrange these families into connected generations. But he stopped short, and left only a collection of notes. His notes do not seem to have been available to any other researcher. He died on March 6, 1959, at the age of 94.

For the next few years, there was only the occasional article attempting to right the record of Captain Thomas Willett's ancestry. In 1929, Charles Edward Banks wrote on "The Ancestry of Thomas Willett, First Mayor of New York," in the New York Genealogical and Biographical Record (2 pages). In 1949, Elizur Yale Smith wrote on "The Ancestry of Thomas Willett, First Mayor of New York," in the New York Genealogical and Biographical Record (10 pages). Also in 1949, Arthur S. Wardwell wrote "No Thomas Willett or Hicks Among Hempstead's Original Proprietors," in the New York Genealogical and Biographical Record (1 page); and "The Willett Family of Hempstead and Jericho, Long Island," in the New York Genealogical and Biographical Record (7 pages).

In 1949, Miss Rosalie Fellows Bailey began researching more fully "The Willett Family of Flushing, Long Island," in the New York Genealogical and Biographical Record (45 pages). Hers was the last article to deal with the New England and New York Willett families.

In 1955, "Some Letton's and Willett's of Maryland, and a Few Descendents of Allied Families," was published by Estelle Clark Watson. This help to define the earliest Maryland Willett family and their descendents who primarily remained in Maryland.

In 1982, the first major work on a southern Willett family was produced by Sister Marie Lousie Donnelly. She wrote about the Maryland branch, and primarily those who became Catholics and immigrated to Kentucky. Her, The Willett Family of Maryland,

Colonial Pewters, Kentucky Pioneers, is the definitive work on the Kentucky Willett family and includes many collateral lines. William Funk Cooper had written in 1906, The Cooper and Allied Families of Detrick, Dobell, Dobins, Dowdy, Gillmore, Greene, Hanna, Henry, Miller, Mills, Moore, Morris, Moss, Rawlings, Rodecker, Stanton, Willett, Young and Unversaw. But, he devoted only 4 pages to one Kentucky Willett family and made no attempt to connect it with its earlier ancestors.

On the Willits side of the family, Alfred C. Willits published his Ancestors and Descendents of James and Ann Willits of Little Egg Harbor, New Jersey in 1898 (30 pages). This was followed in 1925 by Herbert Pomeroy Willits, "Willits Family," (13 typescript pages).

In 1982, Ted Lawrence Bartlett produced The Willits Family: Descendents of Richard Willets of Long Island, Through The Willits Brother, Isaiah (and wife Susanna Boone) and Isaac (and wife Elizabeth), of Pennsylvania. This is the definitive work on the Willits family. It is fully documented and includes collateral lines.

With the exception of the articles in the New York Historical and Genealogical Record, Bookstaver (1906), Bartlett (1982), and Donnelly (1982), most of these works had a very limited circulation. And even Bookstaver's Willett Genealogy was published in only 25 blue print copies. Nothing has been published on the southern Willetts who lived in Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia, or Alabama. Very little has been published on the Willetts who lived in western New York State or beyond the great chain of the Applachian Mountains in Ohio, Illinois, and Tennessee. These families can trace their heritage back to the eastern families, in many cases, and even when the connection has not yet been found, can trace back to the Revolutionary period. Even less has been published on the Canadian Willett families. There are at least 5 major Canadian families, each with a heritage that traces back to the American Revolution or before. Two of those families are the descendents of American Loyalists who fought in the British Legion. This book is intended to give an accounting as complete as possible of the whole Willett family.

The 1850 census, was the first to list by Christian name every member of the household. No attempt has been made to list every 1850 census Willett family; that is a project that is left for the future. However, many of the 1850 census records have been consulted. Then there are numerous records which in some way were published on one family. "Favor" biographies, and "favor" county histories of the past century fall in this category. As many as possible of the records have been included in this work. These census records, and random mentions, either added to the information known about a particular branch, or it resulted in a chapter being labeled as a "Survey" chapter. "Survey" chapters list several Willett families whose relationship to each other is not known at present. The only common link is that they live in the same state or same area. Chapter 3 is an example of this approach. Nine families have been listed; each family is lettered C.1, C.2, C.3, C.4, etc., to C.9. A chapter devoted to a single family, such as Chapter 1, begins with a A.1, and everyone is a direct descendent of the first member listed. Thus, the last member dealt with is coded A.1.4.12.3, and he (Colonel Francis Willett) is the great grandson of A.1 (Thomas Willett of Norwich, England, and Leyden, Holland).

The only chapters in this book written mainly from primary sources are the chapters researched by the author which deal with Virginia and North Carolina. The Eastern Shore of Virginia is dealt with at lenght and in detail. This manuscript, although reliant on secondary sources, is aimed at actual genealogy. The near achievement of this goal has been accomplished by comparing two or more sources, whenever possible, and by then constantly correlating new information against what is already known. Diligence and a healthy skepticism is the main criteria used to proof this manuscript. The primary printed sources of information for each family is mentioned at the close of each

narrative. By no means is a listed source necessarily the only source of information. In a work of this scope, it was impossible to reference every piece of correspondence. The aim of this book is to lead the researcher to the primary sources of published and unpublished information as quickly as possible. Always take into account that errors do creep into any manuscript, and old errors are repeated. Use this manuscript as a beginning and a guide to prove your own particular line from the original sources. True genealogy is not just finding dates and names. Understanding why our ancestors left their homes, whether in the old world or the new, to begin a new life, is also important.

The very foundation of an accurate and complete family genealogy is in the memory of the relatively few living members of that family which comprise the present. The color and richness within a family is best obtained here, because, the experiences, joys, sorrows, and successes of an individual will never be found in the bare mention of a courthouse record of birth, marriage, death, or in the bare outline of previous generations. Beyond the present generation, there is a rapidly diminishing limited amount of information on the personal lives of our ancestors. So our first duty is to nourish and preserve the remembrances of the past in our present family. Otherwise, these memories will be loss forever.

The story of the Willett family begins long before the founding of the "New World." Willetts lived in Somersetshire, England, as early as 1278, when a Thomas Willett, wife Magery and son Thomas, had several land transactions recorded in the local court. We can see random mentions in the 14th Century, with an ever-increasing frequency of name being mentioned in the 15th century records. The earliest will of record is one from circa 1460-1480 which is on file in the Cambridge University, Cambridge, England. By the beginning of the 1500s, several Willett families can be traced for short periods in a connected line.

The effort of visiting our past in a book such as this is a sedentary occupation and often lonely. Visiting our past by exploring what has been preserved in the present is a different sort of occupation. It requires getting out and seeing the visible remanent of our heritage. It is hoped that this manuscript will inspire the reader to begin some of that visitation with the past. Visit and interview all living relatives. Collect family historical data, summarize any diaries, scrapbooks, bible records, letters, etc. Write it down. Type your notes and give a copy to your local library or genealogical society.

When nothing else remains, when the old homestead has been torn down, the pictures were never taken or were destroyed over generations, visit the county from which your family came. Go to the courthouse. Look up and xerox the original records of birth, marriage, and death. Check the Order and Minute Books for an index and xerox the citations that pertain to your family. And if you are part of the fortunate few, visit the old homestead, and make a photographic record of the past for the future. This manuscript has, as one of its goals, the pointing out of what has been preserved, to point out the past in the present by identifying locales, homes, structures, places, and historical events of the lives of our ancestors. History is much more vivid when Captain Miles Standish ("that little stove"), who lost the heart of Priscilla Mullens to John Alden, relinquishes the command of the little Pilgrim Company of Militia, and it is our ancestor, Captain Thomas Willett, who receives that command. It is much more rewarding to read about General Herikmer, laying mortally wounded with his back against a tree, and knowing that Colonel Marinus Willett is rushing the relief force forward which will save Herikmer's command from being massacred. For his bravery in relieving the ambushed forces, Colonel Willett was awarded a ceremonial sword by a grateful Continental Congress. The story of the Willett family is spread across the rivers, mountains, and plains of both the "old" world and the "new" world. They were the farmers, merchants, millers of the easterm seaboard, and the pioneers and settlers who pushed over the Applachian Mountains.

The primary sources for an individual's surname are occupation, location, father's Christian name, or a personal characteristic. The surname Willett appears to be locational, and is believed to have an English meaning of a "dweller near the Willett" stream, or "one who came from Willett" hamlet (both referencing the same medevial location in Somersetshire, England. The place name Willit (or Willet) is of ancient origin. Willett is mentioned as the name of a stream in the Great Taunton Charter of 854 A.D. In the Doomsday Book of 1086 compiled at the order of William the Conqueror, Willet refers to a manor located near the stream Willet. These two earliest written references refer to a locale which has retained its ancient name continuously down to the present. At least one group of Willetts took their name from this manor, and possibly they then spread outward throughout all of medevial England.

Another likely source, for the name Willett, is from the Celtic tribe of Wilts who inhabited an area that extented across the Salisbury Plain in southern England. This Celtic tribe gave their name to Wiltshire, Williton, and numerous other hamlets, villages, and towns which begin with the prefix "Wil-."

Also, "After the conquest of England, William the Conqueror, was on the throne, followed by his son Rufus, and although William I was feared and William II was hated, William soon became the most common font name" (American Surnames, page 48). this occurred just before the period when surnames came into common use, along with the Christian name. Consequently, the name became the etymon of the second name of many persons. The common pet form of William, "Will," became a surname, and to it was added the various diminutive endings, one of which produced "Will-ett." This is the most common form in England and America. The German form of William is "Wilhelm." The Teutonic "w" and the Romance "g" are convertible letters. Thus, the French forms of Willett are "Guillemet" and "Guillet." J. Edgar Bookstaver, in his Willett Genealogy of 1906, mentions (without substantiation) two possible French origins for the family surname Willett. He repeats a claim "that a Huguenot family by the name of Villette fled France to England and that the name became Anglicized into Willett" (Bookstaver, page 1). "It is (also) said to have come from the name Ouillette of France." The Ouillette form is still in use by French Canadians. However, since the English origins of the name Willett go so far back into medevial history, a French origin is felt to be unlikely for any of the present North American families which are listed. It is a shame that Bookstaver did not give his sources or some approximate dates for these French claims. It is also unlikely that any one family cam claim to be the ancestor for all the families whose surname is Willett. The various Willett families probably sprang up independently from a variety o sources, so that a claim to a single origin, whether English or French, is probably false.

The earliest mention of the use of Willett for a family surname is in 1275 when Thomas Wylet and his wife, Margery, are mentioned in the Feet of Fines as living at Monte Acuto. Montecute is three and a half miles west of Yeovil in Somersetshire, England. Any of these possibilities could be the real origin of the Willett surname. It is just as possible, that there were several families who adopted the Willett surname at about the same time, each sharing the common surname, but without any close familial connection. The solution (to this problem of family origin) may never be solved given the fragile nature and the frequent destruction of the written records upon which the answer would lie.

The early mentions of our ancestors (between 1250 and 1500), our surname is spelt variously Wylet, Wylett, Wilyt, Williat, Willyot, Willot, Wilot, etc., along with the present common spellings of Willet, Willett, and Willit. Such variations originally occured because the local monk, scribe, or clerk did not ask the informant how the name was spelled. Likely the informant did not know because so many commoners could neither read nor write. Thus, the spelling became the decision of the registrar. After the 1500s, and particularly in regard to the Willetts who immigrated to the colonies, the name is spelled

Willet, and Willett, and only in the case of Richard Willett (chapter 14) is the name spelled with a final "s" to form "Willets." It does not seem that the form "Willits" as a constant spelling of the surname was adopted until the time of Richard Willett's grandchildren, and then primarily in the Quaker branch of his family.

There seems to be no rule, even within a branch of a family as to how the name Willett should be spelled. Most families use the one "T" or two "TT form of Willett. And even in the same official document, such as a will or deed, the name may be interchanged from one "T" to two "TTs." Occasionally, the form Willot(t) will occur. This is most likely an incorrect reading by a later copier of the old form of "E" which in the 1600s and 1700s had the appearance of a modern "O." So often, someone transcribing, extracting or summarizing information will incorrectly list the name as Willot, even though a close examination of the original will show that Willett was written.

The forms, Willitt and Willette, and variations thereof, are occasionally seen. Most likely the same logic applies. However, occasionally an individual will have a preference for a particular form of the name, and just arbirtrarily change the spelling of the name. Always keep in mind the phonetic sound of the name. A clerk from a Dutch or German background could easily write the Willett name as Willis, Willert, Wyllet, or any other of a variety of combinations of the sound of the name Willett. The most common root in Elizabethian England seems to have been Willet. However, even here it must be noted that one family in Gloucester used the final "S" form of Willets or Willetts even then.

The middle ages saw the introduction of the Christian name to distinguish one individual from another. The seventeenth century saw the introduction of a second Christian name to further distinguish one person from another. There seems to be two customary ways that this was done. On one hand, a second Christian name, usually that of a parent or grandparent was adopted, such as in my case of Albert James Willett. Frequently, the middle name came from the surname of a parent or grandparent. Thus, Herbert Pomroy Willets, and Asahel Adgate Willett (E.1.2.3.7.5.2) have as a middle name the surname of a grandparent.

Most of us look to the past, even if we do so unobtrusively. A person will say, as my grandmother says: "I am not concerned with the past, only the future." However, she also named her children after herself, her parents, brothers and sisters, thus linking the past with the present. Whether we admit it or not, whether we even like it or not, we have been subtely shaped by our past and our ancestors.

It goes without saying, that no American Willett family is entitled to a Coat of Arms. However, that does not lessen our interest the English Willett families which have been and are entitled to a Coat of Arms. Coat of Arms were used in the medevial ages to indentify a person in battle. Usually a coat of arms would be awarded to an individual for personal valour in battle. Such coats of arms are usually simple devices fashioned around a shield without the embellishments of a later age. None of the Willett ancestors seem to have had such a coat of arms. Several English Willett families have had, and do have, coat of arms, but they all appear to be of more recent vintage. Thus, it is unlikely that any Colonial American ancestor, or his descendent, could claim a particular coat of arms as being related to his family.

The earliest claim by a Willett to a coat of arms is mentioned in a Court of Chivalry case in 1639. George Willett of Horwood, county Buckingham, claimed to be a descendent of the House of Mortimer, Earl of March, and that his arms were three wolves heads, three moor hens, and a lion rampart. A Dr. Gweyn testified in the behalf of the defendant, George Willett. However, George Willett lost his case, and had to pay 100 marks in damages, and 20 pounds in court costs.

Other English Willett families have had coats of arms. The Willett coat of arms on the front page is described in Burke's Armory as viz:

"Ar, 3 bars gemelles sa; in chef, as many lions rampart of the second."

This coat of arms was used by two families: Willett of Waltamstow, co. Essex, and Willett of Combe in Abbotsham, Porthill in Northam, and Tapley in Westleigh, co. Devon. The Willett family of Wotton-Under-Edge, Circencester, and Newcastle-Under-Lyme, co. Gloucester have similar arms to the above:

"argent, three bars gemel and in chief three lions rampart barways, sable."

The Coat of Arms listed below are the ones most commonly associated with the English Willett families who are entitled to arms.

Grantees of Arms, 1687-1898 lists the following four Eighteenth Century English Willett families who had the right to a coat of arms:

1. John Willett, late Adye, of Merly Place, county Dorset; 11 Mar 1795 (vol. XIX, fol. 19); John Adye assumed the name Willett in order to inherit the large estate of his uncle.

2. Saltren Willett of county Devon, 1847 (vol. XLVIII, fol. 352); Saltern Willett had fought with Marlborough at the Battle of Waterloo; the Willett family of Devon failed of male heirs in 1736, and a handsome estate was bequeathed to William Saltern whose eldest son, Augustus, assumed the name and arms of Willett. He died in 1803, leaving a son Augustus Saltren-Willett (Bookstaver, page 2);

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3. Henry Willett, late Catt, of county Surrey; 1863 (vol. LV, fol. 78); William (fol. 80); John (fol. 96); and Edward (fol. 122); this Henry Catt assumed the name of Willett in response to a request in his uncle's will.

4. W. Willett, of the Drive, Hove, Brighton, county Sussex; 1892 (vol. LXVII, fol. 32).

A slightly different coat of arms was used by the Edmund Austen Willett, Esq., family of Brighton, Strathwell, Whitwell, and Isle of Wight. The Isle of Wight is an island south of Portsmouth and Southampton. Edmund Austen Willett was born in 1840, and he married in 1868 Marion Covey. His sons were Victor Austen Willett, Gentleman (b 1873), and Walter Glynn Austin Willett, Gentleman (b 1878). They used the arms that are illustrated to the left and are described as:

> "per fesse argent and gules, two barrulets and a cat passant in base all counter changed. Manting gules and argent. Crest: a moorcock regardant both proper, charged on the body with two fluers de lys or, holding in the beck a sprig of heath also proper. Motto: "Dieu et devoir" (God and my duty)."

All of the above mentioned families are in the south of England. Arms were also used by a northern Willett family of Yorkshire. The arms are described as:

> " On a ducal cornet or, a heathcock ppr, combed and wattled gules. Motto: "Noli me tangere" (Do not touch me)."

As can be easily noted, all of these arms are of relative recent issue. Thus, since most of the American Willett families can trace their ancestry back to the 1600s, none of these above mentioned arms can be traced in any American family.

No American Willett ancestor is known to have used any of these, or any other, coat of arms. However, Colonel Thomas Willett (Chapter Eight) of Flushing, Long Island, New York, used a seal ring which bears a distinct resemblence to these coats of arms. The impression of the seal ring was used to seal his will in 1722. The impression on Thomas' will is obscured by the fabric superimposed two centuries later for the preservation of the document. But, this much can be seen:

> "4 or 3 bars gemelles, in chief 3 lions rampart; crest (evidently) a lion's head; motto (unreadable).

Although this seal is similar to some of the Eighteenth Century Coat of Amrs noted above, no English Willett family is known, by this author, to have been entitled to any arms in the Sixteenth or Seventeeth Century.

Often when reading "popular" or "favor" biographies, an exaggerated claim will be encountered. One such claim is that "There were Willetts at Roanoke Island." Such a claim needs to be carefully considered before accepting and repeating it as fact. Try to return to the original source, or at a minimum a published source which was written by a scholar or academian. In the case mentioned, there was a William "Willes" at Roanoke Island in 1587 (The Conquest of Virginia, the First Attempt, 1924, pages 507-508). It

would require an examination of the original manuscripts (or a photocopy of the original) to determine if "Willes" should be re-evaluated as "Willett." However, until proof is forthcoming, the published record only shows a William "Willes" at Roanoke Island, not a William Willett.

While on the subject of the earliest mentions of the name Willett in the new world, in 1610, a William and a John Willett are mentioned as investors in the Virginia Company, but they were investors in the Company, not adventurers who made the journey to Virginia. There is a Jeffrey Willett mentioned in 1619 in connection with Virginia. However, the exact meaning of the entry is unclear, and most likely the meaning is: that the servant or apprentice of Jeffrey Willett, one John Gallon had embarked for Virginia. Most likely, Jeffrey Willett remained in England, and his apprentice made the journey. The earliest confirmed appearance of a Willett in the new world is Tobie Willett who came on the Mayflower in 1629. "Tobie" is Thomas Willett of Plymouth who was to become the first English mayor of New York (1664). See Chapter 26 for a complete list of all known Willetts who immigrated to North America.

In th 1790 census, there were 72 Willett families counted who had a total of 450 family members. The following is taken from A Century of Population Growth, From the First Census of the United States to the Twelfth 1790-1900, 1969, and is a breakdown by state:

None	Maine	1	Vermont
None	New Hampshire	3	Massachusetts
None	Rhode Island	4	Connecticutt
25	New York	18	Pennsylvania
14	Maryland	None	Virginia
7	North Carolina	None	South Carolina

This list is not complete. We know that Virginia had at least 3 different families; and the same is probably true of the other states. However, it gives us a starting point.

In 1850, there were about 600 different Willett families. In 1964, the United States Department of Health and Welfare, Social Security Adminstration, made a report of the "Distribution of Surnames in the SSAN File." Based on this report, it was estimated that there were 15,972 Willetts living in 1964. The report was computer generated and based on the 1st six letters of a name, so that it included Willet, Willett, Willets, but did not include Willit and Willits (American Surname, pages 269, 323). In the February, 1981, Report of Distribution of Surnames in the Social Security Number File September 1, 1974, Department of Health and Human Services, Social Security Administration, Willet ranked 1583 in a list of the most common surnames. Smith was ranked number one. Again the report was based on the 1st six letters of a surname, and it was estimated that there were 19,546 Willet, Willett, Willetts, etc.

What kind of man was an immigrant? "Full of good sense," is a statement on this subject made in 1705 by the Virginia historian, Robert Beverley (The First Gentlemen of Virginia, Louis B. Wright, 1964, page 40). The first permanent settlers were men of low circumstances (he comments). And, "Nor was it hardly possible to be otherwise; for 'tis not likely any man of a plentiful estate should voluntarily abandon a happy certainty to roam after imaginary advantages in the new world." This is likely the case with Thomas Willett who came to the new world as a soldier in the employ of the Dutch East Indian Company (Chapter Eight). Other settlers came, some "to avoid being persecuted for their principles of religion or government." This is likely to be the motivation of the Puritan, Thomas Willett (Chapter One) who arrived in 1629 after spending his boyhood in the Pilgrim colony of dissents which had been established in Leyden, Holland. The political

upheavals caused others to immigrate. "Thus, in the time of the Rebellion (1646-1649) in England, several good Cavalier families went thither with their effects, to escape the tyranny of the ursuper, or acknowledge of his title. And so again, upon the Restoration (1660), many people of the opposite party took refuge there, to shelter themselves from the King's resentment." Throughout this period of settlement, a constant stream of younger sons of the English gentry came to the colonies. "Other gentlemen also came, one or two families ... could even boast descent from peers; but of the background of most of the settlers who were careful to sign themselves Gent ... we know next to nothing." It is obvious that the William Willett (Chapter Sixteen) who came to Accomack County, Virginia, and the John Willett (Chapter Seventeen) who came to Northampton County, Virginia, were from well-to-do families. William was able to purchase 400 acres in a county were land holdings were relatively small and at the same time enter into partnership to build and operate a mill. John Willett was of sufficiently social rank and genteel background, that he was able to propose to and marry the richest and youngest heiress in the Virginia Colony in 1669. With this marriage, John Willett came into possession of a 3,700 acre plantation estate that rival in size for its day the estates of the Byrds, Carters, Ludlows, and Custis' of Virginia aristocracy. Certainly, such circumstances indicate a strong social (possibly the younger son of a peer), or financial wealth (merchant or shipowning) in the background of such an individual. However, "the cold truth is that the English origins of nearly all the colonists, even those who founded aristocratic families, are unknown." An so it is with our family. For an "old" family tradition declares that William Willett of Nova Scotia came from Virginia in the early 1800s. But, documentary proof is lacking. Only in the case of Captain Thomas Willett (Chapter One) of Plymouth Colony and New Amsterdam is the English ancestry known with certainty, and that for only two generations. Tradition says that one of the Willett ancestors came from Bristol, another from Monmouth, another Wales, and so forth. All the rest appear on our shore without a trace of their English origin, and unfortunately, tradition is otherwise silent on the clues to the evidence that the present generation would like to have of their English ancestry.

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FOREWORD

PROBLEMS IN GENEALOGY: records and terminology

There is always the possibility that the date of a christening may be "late" in the life of an individual. Most christenings occur within a short period after birth; but it is not unusual for an teenager or adult to be christened. A problem occurs when this "late" christening is not noted in the records. An example of "late" christening are the children of Dr. Benjamin Willett (Chapter Three, C.1.4.3) who were all christened after their father's death.

Rarely, but with in the realm of possibility, is the fact that some "marriages" never took place. It is possible for children to be named after a father, but without the benefit of a solmenized marriage having occured between the parents. More likely is the situation where one or more children are born out of wedlock, but the parents afterward marry, and have other children. Occasionally, this will be borned out by other records. In this case, effort is wasted on seeking a record of marriage which never took place, or a marriage which occurred after the birth of one or more children.

There is a large branch of Willetts in Welsh areas west of the Bristol Channel and Gloucester. There is the possibility that Willetts may have used "patronymics" in naming or assuming the name of their parents. Patronymic naming, assuming the first name of your father as your surname, or assuming the surname or variation thereof of your father's name, is a common practice in Wales which continued well past the 1850s.

Relationships were often a puzzle to the one who wrote the will. This was often gotten around by use of the word "kinsman" or "cousin." There may be no actual blood relationship, or a distant one of 2d or 3d cousins, or a relationship through step-parents. Sometimes a close relationship is assumed by the writer when none actual exists. When the term "father-in-law" was used in colonial times if often meant what today we would describe as "step-father." Thus, Martha Willett, aged between 17 and 18 years, in 1691 testified in a York County, Virginia, case and mentions her "father-in-law" Robert Leightonhouse (Chapter Seventeen). Obviously this is an instance were she is referring to her "step-father."

Another easily misleading term can be the adding of "Junior," or "Senior" to an individual's title. This did not absolutely imply that there was a blood relationship between the individuals so designated. It may be true, but it may not be true. Edward Willett (H.1.2.5.1) is called "Junior" in July, 1776. The "Senior" in the same document was his cousin, Edward Willett, (H.1.9.8). It was common to use "junior" and "senior" to describe age, rather than relationship. The same is true of "Miss." Miss Minerva may be 92 years old and a married woman, but in the language of the 1800s, she will always be "Miss" Minerva.

PROBLEMS IN GENEALOGY: the calendar

Often when researching an ancestor who lived prior to 1751, a date is given as April 15, 1741 O.S. or 1741/42 or simply April 15, 1741. This type of date is usually referred to as "old style." This is because, in the year 1582, Pope Gregory XIII declared for the Catholic countries he controlled that:

1. each 400 year period would have three fewer leap years,
2. that ten days would be skipped on the calendar; the day after October 4, 1582, was October 15, 1582, and
3. the ecclesiatical and legal year was to start on January 1st. By custom and the

old calendar the first of the year was March 25th.

The problem was that the Julian calendar, which had been in use since 45 A.D., made the length of the average year too long. It called for a leap year every 4 years for an average year of 365 days and 6 hours. The earth, however, makes a complete revolution around the sun in 365 days, 5 hours, 48 minutes, and 46 seconds. A small matter perhaps, but in the fifteen hundred years the Julian calendar had been in use, the calendar had become ten days ahead of the seasons because of this small error. Had this continues, Easter would eventually move into late winter. Gregory's solution was simple. There would be only 97 leap years in every 400 year period instead of 100 leap years. The years 1700, 1800, and 1900 were not leap years, but 1600 was, and 2000 will be. Only Catholic ruled states adopted the Gregorian calendar in 1582.

Protestant areas stuck with the Julian calendar, some for long periods. For 170 years, Great Britain and her colonies had a different calendar than Continental Europe. Great Britain, as the leading Protestant nation, did not agree to this change until the year 1751 when a new law required the change to become effective on December 31, 1751. The same law required that eleven days be dropped from the calendar. The days chosen to be dropped were between September 2nd and September 14th. The names of the months did not change; it was only the day designated as the first day of the year. Between January 1st and March 25th, this double dating occurred. This is particularly true of early Quaker records. Old habits die hard, and it is not unusual to see the "old style" Julian Calendar used long after the official change. Thus, as any entry written "born 1st month on the 28th day of 1747" would refer to March 28, 1747. An entry written "born in the 10th month on the 10th day, 1747" would actual be referring to February 10, 1748 under the Julian calendar.

PROBLEMS IN GENEALOGY: dates

In this book dates of birth, marriage, and death are recorded as day, month, year whenever possible. Dates which are based on pure speculation are referred to as "abt." And when even less information is available to determine a date a "?" is used. The "about" and the "?" are used to indicate that no information had been found to give a more accurate date. A date can be speculated from other known facts about an individual. When "abt" or "about" is used in front of a date, it can be generally assumed that the actual date is within a span of 5 years on either side of the conjectured date. When an "?" is used, the margin of error could be much larger.

All dates stated as occuring in a given year without an accompanying month and/or day associated with it, can be assumed to be correct with a discrepancy of no more than one year. This one year difference occurs when records are computed from census records, which 1850 and after, report the age of an individual as of the date of the census. Thus, Thomas Willett of Accomack County, Virginia, is described as 26 on the 1850 census taken on June 13, 1850. His date of birth should be between June 13, 1833 and June 13, 1834. In this instance (if the date of birth was unsupported by any other record), his birth date would be recorded as 1834. However, his birth date has been determined from other records to have been actually May, 1833. Thus, another common error is at work here in the census record; that is an error of a faulty memory, or the person answering the census takers questions being someone other than the individual himself.

When dates are given, particularly the birth date, it may be actually referring to the baptismal date. Thus, an entry from one source may seem to conflict with a notation from another, when in reality one is referring to a date of birth and the other to the day when

an individual was baptized or christened. In the same way, a death date may be reported from one source based on the actual day of death, another on the day of burial, and possibly another based on the date of the probate of a will. These differences occurred because an earlier researcher did not have the benefit of collected records and published abstracts. He had to be satisfied with establishing a date from the records at his disposal. As J. E. Bookstaver said in the preface to his Willett Genealogy of 1907, "It is not perfect. It is not complete. It never will be. There will always be certain data wanting to complete the circle ... The perfect genealogy, like the perfect man, is yet to come. In the meantime, the best we can do with the material available is to make it as perfect as possible."

AN UNUSUAL NOTE: Hebrew names

During the American Revolution, a movement was launched to replace the English language as the official language of the nation with Hebrew. In 1776, everything associated with the British monarchy had a bad taste to the American rebels. Hebrew, on the other hand, was held in high regard by the former colonists, who viewed it as the mother of all languages, the key to the scriptures, and the cornerstone of a liberal education. Religion was held in such a high regard that the colonists named many of their towns after Biblical towns. There is a Jerusalem, and Salem, a Jericho, and a Bethlehem. Their children were given Biblical names. This is very true of the Willett family. The index shows frequently used names such as Amos, Andrew, Benjamin, Daniel, David, Elizabeth, Esther, Hannah, Isaac, Jacob, James, Jeremiah, John, Joseph, Joshua, Martha, Mary, Micajah, Rachel, Ruth, Samuel, Sarah, and Thomas. A host of other Biblical names were used less frequently from Aaron to Zebulon. Hebrew remained in such a high academic esteem, that until 1817, the annual commencement addresses at Harvard were delivered in the Hebrew language, and at Yale, Hebrew was required for all freshmen. Many lower schools also stressed Hebrew.

A NOTE ON THE CHAPTER FORMAT

As a general rule, each chapter is made up in a family sheet format, with parents and children listed on a single page. An arbitrary and at times cumbersome artificial system has been adopted to track the relationship of each member. An example of this system is the code G.1.2.10.5.2 for Captain Walter Willett (in Chapter Seven). To find his ancestry, it is only necessary to drop the last number in the code. Thus, G.1.2.10.5 is his father, and G.1.2.10 is his grandfather, and so forth back to the earliest known ancestor. In the case of moving forward in time, one is referred to a descendent by the notation "See next..." If there is no notation there is no further information.

In the beginning of some of the chapters, it has been necessary to start with a family tradition, which may be suspect as to its accuracy. Where this has been done, considerable care has been taken to show, by the wording in the narrative, when a family tradition is being followed. Much new material is being added which has come directly from census records, and records of southern counties. It has been necessary to simply append this new information to a chapter dealing with that particular state, so that several chapters are "survey" chapters and deal with more than one family who may or may not be related. The earliest known ancestor is denoted by a letter and a single number. Thus in the cases like B.5 and C.4 this is the earliest known ancestor.

I request that all errors, and all additional information be brought to my attention.

> "Dudeman holds of William, Willet. Dunne held it in the time of King Edward and paid geld for half a hide. There is land for 4 ploughs, In demesne is half a virgate and 1 plough with 1 serf and there are 9 villeins and 6 bordars with 3 ploughs and 1 ½ virgates. There is 1 riding horse and 4 beasts and 3 swine and 100 sheep. There is a mill which pays no rent, and three acres of meadow and 50 acres of pasture and 40 acres of woodland. It was formerly worth 10 shillings, now worth 20 shillings."

The William mentioned above is Sir William de Rohun, who held the manor from William the Conqueror.

It is possible that the Willett family took their name from this village. Edward Jeboult in his book, A General Account of West Somerset, Description of the Valley of the Tone, and the History of the Town of Taunton, dated 1873, mentions that:

> "Sir John de Elworthy held this manor, Elworthy under the Bohuns. It passed on to the Willetts, the Poltons, the Beaumonts, the escotts, etc ... John Blommart, Esq., is lord of the Manor. To the east of the village (of Elworthy) is a lofty knoll called from the adjoining hamlet, Willett Hill or Tor, on the top of which stands the shell of an hexagonal embattled tower 80 feet high erected at the expense of the neighboring gentry, and a fine object for miles around...The hills are deserving notice, especially Willett Hill (before mentioned, an outlier of the Brendons) which is a commanding eminence, situated one mile from the church, from whence a fine view of Wales and the Bristol Channel may be obtained. The chief landowner is John Blommart, Esq., whose residence, Willett House, is the principal seat of the neighborhood. It is situated two miles southeast of the church, and is surrounded by fine lawns and pleasure-grounds."

Elworthy village is 1 ½ miles northeast of Willett hamlet, and is also mentioned in the Doomsday Book. Willett hamlet is in the parish of Elworthy. The parish registers of Elworthy commence in 1685.

John Collins, F.A.S., The History and Antiquities of the County of Somerset, 1791, however, makes no mention of members of the Willett family holding the manors of Elworthy and Willett. He states that:

> "Among the great men of the country that held lands under Sir William Mohun, Lord of Dunster Castle under Henry II (1154-1189), was William de Elworthe, who held four knight's fees of that honour. John de Elworthe, a descendent probably of this William, in the time of King edward I (1272-1307) bore on his shield three chrevonels. Under Edward I, Thomas de Tymmeworth held one knight's fee in Elworthy, and Richard la Pleshe another fee of the said Thomas in Willet, both of which under Edward I (1298) were possessed of James de Torte. Under Edward III (1307-1327) in 1321, the manors of Elworthy and Willet were held by Walter Meriet, of John de Mohun. Under Henry IV (1450), Sir Walter

Palton died seized of Elworthy, and the next year we find it in the possession of Sir Thomas Beaumont, Knight, who was succeeded in it by William, his son and heir. The successor of this William was Phillip Beaumont, Esq., who at his death under Edward IV held manors of Elworthy and Willett with divers others in this country, the greater part of which descended to Henry Beaumont, who under Edawrd IV is found seized of this manor, with Willet and Plaish, holding the same of John Luttrell as his castle of Dunstler. Under Elizabeth, Humphrey Beaumont was lord of this manor, Henry Beaumont being son and heir. The present possessor of this manor is Rev. Bickham Escot of Hartrow who is a patron of the living which is a rectory in the deanry of Dunster, valued in 1292 at six marks and a half."

The earliest mention of persons bearing the name of Willett that can be found is in 1275-76, when a Thomas Wylet and his wife Margery are recorded in the Feet of Fines, 1196-1307 (SRS Volume VI, page 238) as follows:

"1275-76, At Westminster in the quinzaine of St. John the Baptist, between Thomas Wylet and Margery his wife querents, and John le Bere of Gevele (Yeovil) and Isabella his wife impediments; for the moiety (a half) of a burgage in the vill of Monte Acuto (Montecute, three and a half miles west of Yeovil). Plea of warranty of deed was summonded. John and Isabella acknowledged the right of Thomas and Margery as by their gift, to hold to them and the heirs of Isabella, rendering yearly one rose at Midsummer, and doing to the chief lord of the fee services belonging: and they warranted the same: for this Thomas and Margery gave John and Isabella ten Marcs (£ 6.16.4, a Marc being worth 13/4)."

Some 13 years later, under Edward I (1289), a Thomas Whilet and his wife Margery (probaby the same Thomas and Margery above) owed 40d to have a writ.

In 1306, a Philip de Wylet is mentioned in an Inquisitio Post Mortem on Sir Roges of Porlock. Porlock is some 16 miles northwest of Willett hamlet. The I.P.M. was under Edward I, Number 21, Somerset, The History of the Part of West Somerset comprising the Parishes of Luccombe, Selworthy, Stoke, Pero, Porlock, Culbone, and Oare, by Charles E.H. Chadwyck-Healy, 1901. This reads:

"Inquisition taken at Porlock before the King's escheator, on the 12th August, Edward I (1306) ... by the oaths of ... Robert de la Worthe held land in fee. William de Seresbere held land in villeinage. There were nineteen customary tenants. Cottagers. William Cadiho holds one cottage and an acre of land rendering yearly at the aforesaid four times by equal portions 18d, and he will reap in the autumn for one day, and will have food, and the work is worth, beyond reprises 1d. And he will help to gather the grasses of the meadow for one day, and the work is worth ½d ... Philip le Wylet holds one cottage with curtilage (a small yard, court, or pieces of land attached to a cottage) and one acre of land, rendering yearly, at the same terms, by equal portions, 3s. 9d.,

land, rendering yearly, at the same terms, by equal portions, 3s. 9d., and he will work as the said William.'

Following on only 21 years from the I. P. M. taken at Porlock, the next mention of persons named Willett is to be found in the Exchequer Lay Subsidies (Somerset Record Society, Volume III), which is a Tax Roll of the First Year of Edward III (1327). John de Clyvedon and John de Erle were appointed Chief Taxors for the county. This tax was a twentieth part of all moveables which were in each man's possession on Michaelmas Day.

Hundredum de Frome
Frome
John Wilhet (xjs)

Hundredum de Welles Forinsecum
Cranmere
Henrico Wylet (xjd)

Hundredum de Welles Forinsecum
Alnestone
Johanne Willet (xvjd)

Hundredum de Wynteston (Winterstoke)
Jattone (Yatton)
Johanne Wilot (xjd)

Cranmore is 3 miles east of Shepton Mallet and 5 miles from Frome. Alstone is ½ mile south of Highbridge and ¼ mile north of Huntspill, and some 16 miles northwest of Willett hamlet.

A John Wylet was recorded in the Bridgewater Court Roll (1379, Somerset Record Society, Volume 58, page 53) for 7.11.1379 as follows:

'John Wylet in mis quia vian habit Jonanan Somer and respond...'

His name recurs in the years 1388, 1389, 1391, 1393 (twice) and 1394. In 1393, his son Robert was mentioned.

The next person named Willett that is found is Thomas Wylett of Edington (5 miles northwest of Bridgewater and 8 miles west of Glastonbury). He is mentioned in 1402/03 (Somerset Record Society, Volume 68, page 59). The name appears again in 1454 when a Welett (no Christian name given) appears to owe a debt to the Churchwardens of Yatton Parish Church (Churchwardens Accounts, dated 1454, Somerset Record Society Volume). A John Willett was shown as a witness to the will of Nicholas Cutt of Bristol dated February 21, 1501 (Wadning's Bristol wills). In 1508, a Thomas willett of Chew Magna, Somerset, left a will dated October 8,1508. A tenament is occupied by John willett of Butcombe on September 30, 1525 (Somerset Record Society, Volume 55, page 82). From the 1540s, wills of persons named Willett who live in Butcombe, Kingston Seymour, Wrington, and Congresbury, Somersetshire, appear very regularly.

Families of the name Willett (Willet, Wylet, Wylett, Wilyt, Williat, Willyot, willot, Wilot, etc.) can be found in five villages quite near to one another in the northern part of Somerset. These five are:

Banwell (with Waywick)
Yatton (with Kingston Seymour)
Congresbury
Wrington
Butcombe

All five villages are mentioned in the Doomsday Book. The manors of Banwell and Yatton were in the See of Bath and Wells, and the manor of Wrington was held by the Abbott of Glastonbury. Records of church lands are normally well documented; it is hoped therefore to peruse these records when time permits. The biggest by area was Banwell containing 30 hides (4800 acres); Congesbury, Yatton, and Wrington each paid geld for 20 hides (3200 acres); whilst Butecombe was the smallest village paying geld for 3 hides only (480 acres). Smaller still was the hamlet of Willett, mentioned at the beginning of this introduction, whose lands were only ½ hide (80 acres) in extent.

A family of the name Willett also lived in the Bristol area of Westbury-on-Trym, Henbury, and Redland.

Two Willetts of Butcombe and one Willett of Wrington were described as "Clothmakers" in their wills of the mid 1500s. It was known that a flourishing cloth trade (woolen) grew up in Somersetshire at about this time. The Willetts of Banwell and Congresbury, and especially Yatton and Kingston Seymour, were farmers. The most successful members of the family, from a trading point of view, seem to have been the Bristol Willetts, who were ship owners. Four of these became Merchant Adventurers, and one of these four became Master of this influential trading Association in 1670-1671.

Where the family originated, and how it spread over these villages and the town of Bristol, I have yet to find out; there is no proof they are one family, but it seems highly likely. These notes are only a first try at getting down on paper, in an orderly manner, information that I have gleaned form various sources.

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CHAPTER ONE
THOMAS WILLETT FIRST MAYOR OF NEW YORK

A.1
THOMAS WILLETT and ALICE of Norwich, county Norfolk, England

Thomas Willett was born about 1570, probably in county Norfolk, England. He married, about 1590, Alice, again, probably in county Norfolk. They resided in Norwich until they removed to Holland.

He was a dissenter from the Anglican Church, and most likely because of his religion, left England about 1615 and settled at Leyden, Holland. His children grew up here.

It is unknown when or where he died.

1. Sarah: born about 1592 in England; married before 1613 William Minter of Norwich. (William Minter died before 1618).

2. Rebecca: born about 1595 in England; married in Holland on August 4, 1622, Daniel Fairfield of Leyden, Holland.

3. Hester: born about 1598 in England; married in Holland November 4, 1623, Peter Wood of Leyden, Holland.

4. Thomas: born 1611 in Norwich, England; married July 6, 1636, at Plymouth Colony, Mary Brown; d August 4, 1674 at Barrington, Rhode Island. See next A.1.4.

A.1.4
Captain THOMAS WILLETT and MARY BROWN of Plymouth and Swansea

Captain Thomas Willett was born in 1611, in Norwich, county Norfolk, England. He was the son of Thomas Willett and his wife, Alice. J. E. Bookstaver in his Willett Genealogy, 1906, makes the statement that Captain Thomas Willett was the son of Andrew Willett (b 1562; d 1621) the celebrated English divine of Barley, county Hertford, England. This Andrew was the writer of forty-two books on religion, and a devout Anglican. Bookstaver errors by attempting to construct a "pausible" ancestry and probably got his misinformation from the E. Haviland Hillman who had paid for research in England in 1896. Several others have written since 1906 to correct this error, notably Banks in 1929 and Smith in 1949.

The elder Thomas Willett was definitely not of the Anglican religion, but, instead a dissenter from it. The elder Thomas Willett followed the second Puritan exodus and left England for Holland where the religious climate was more tolerable of dissenters. He settled at Leyden, Holland, and lived there from 1615 until at least 1622, and possibly longer. His young son Thomas was raised in the Puritan atmosphere of the Green Gate congregation under the tutleage of Pastor John Robinson.

> "As a boy in Holland, Thomas learned both the Dutch and the English language and although there seems to be no record of his having attended the university, his later life shows he received more than the ordinary education" (Smith, page 42).

The John Brown family of Swansea, England, and Leyden, Holland, played a large part in the life of Thomas Willett.

It is unlikely that he knew the Brown family when they lived in Swansea, England, near Cambridge. He most likely met them for the first time in Leyden. Thomas Willett had three sisters, Sarah, Rebecca, and Hester (Banks, pages 7-8).

> "In Leyden, young Willett was reared in the congregation of Reverend John Robinson, the beloved pastor of the Pilgrims in Holland. Mr. Robinson had been graduated from Cambridge University in 1599 where he received his Master's Degree, and removed to Holland in 1608. His son, Isaac Robinson, who was born the following year, became one of Willett's fast friends and both boys sailed to New England on the same ship" (Smith, page 42).

The return trip referred to above was the 1632 trip in the "Lion" that Thomas Willett made after testifying at the trial of Isaac Allerton in London.

Reverend Robinson died March 1, 1625, and "was buried with simple ceremony under the pavement in the main aisle of the Pieterskirk, the immense stone catheral that loomed so high above the Green Gate" (Wilson, page 259).

The land that Thomas Willett decided to move to was not a land overflowing with "milk and honey."

> "Unlike the Cheaspeake Bay settlers, the first colonizers of New England found a harsh and forbidding terrain. In 1604, the French planted a short-lived colony near the mouth of the St. Croix River, now the Maine-Canadian boundary. Three years later, Englishmen led by George Popham planted a fishing settlement on the Maine coast at the mouth of the Kennebec River, but Indian attacks, a bitter winter, and the malice of the devil forced them to leave. Forced by circumstances, separatist Pilgrims tackled the wooded coast of New England in 1620. They had withdrawn from what they regarded as a pudle of corruption in the English church, and after 12 years of self-imposed exile in Holland, embarked for a more isolated place where they could worship according to their beliefs" (Cooke, page 25).

It was in 1620, that the small ship, Mayflower, crammed with 102 saints and strangers, sighted southern New England just before the onset of winter.

> "Of the passengers aboard the original Mayflower, only about 40 or so called themselves saints (religious dissidents who had cut all the ties to the Church of England which they regarded as hopelessly corrupt). The rest were strangers, as the saints called them; humble folk recruited to fill out the list. The strangers simply hoped to better their lot in the new world. Later generations, influenced by seventeenth century romanticists, would lump them all together as Pilgrims" (Cooke, page 48).

Their supposed destination was "Northern Virginia," an area which then included the Hudson River Valley. Instead they made a much more northern land fall. An attempt to sail around Cape Cod had nearly ended in disaster on the shoals off Montomoy Island. The story is that the storm rebutted them from a more southerly landing. However, according to Captain Thomas Willett, as he explained it in later years, the Mayflower's captain had been brided by the Dutch in New Amsterdam to land the colonists well away from their Hudson River settlements. Captain Thomas Willett was eminently likely to have had access to this type of information, since he worked so closely with Bradford in Plymouth and the Dutch in New Amsterdam. However, a more plausible explanation is that the Green Gate Congregation never intended to land anywhere else. And, New England offered the certain welcome advantages of having no established political government, and no Anglican Church.

The story of the Pilgrims, is a separate story from that of our Thomas Willett. The Pilgrim era was closing in March, 1629, when Thomas Willett, sailed from Gravesend, England, on the Mayflower with Captain William Pierce in command. This was not, however, the Mayflower of 1620 which took the original Pilgrims to Plymouth. In 1620, there were approximately 120 ships of English registry, and 20 of these were named Mayflower.

On board this second Mayflower were 35 passenger from Leyden, Holland, a portion of the Green Gate Congregation that included Isaac, Mercy, and Fear Robinson (Planters of the Commonwealth, page 35). What reason prompted young Thomas Willett to leave his family, parents and sisters, to settle in a "new world" is unknown. He most likely was encouraged by his father to start a new life away from the life of the exile in Holland. It was not that life was difficult here, or that persecution abounded. It was the exact opposite. The second generation English family was lossing its English identity. Dutch attitudes, life style, and language was replacing their English heritage. The elder dissenters were dying off, the congregation was growing smaller and was in danger of being assimilated by the Dutch. This was what motivated the Green Gate Congregation from Leyden to embark to a "new world" in search of a new life. Since Thomas was one of that congregation his reasons must have been the same.

Passage had been arranged for Reverend Robinson's widow, Bridget, and three of her children: Isaac, Mercy and Fear. "But, for some reason the widow drew back at the last and did not embark" (Wilson, page 268). The congregation had to have special assurances that they would not be persecuted when they came to England to sail to the new world. But, at last everything was worked out through intermediators and in March, 1629, they sailed. They arrived at the Plymouth Colony on 15 March, 1620. The passage was quick for that day, with only six weeks on board the Mayflower. In the narrative that Governor Bradford wrote, Thomas Willett was 19 at this time.

> "Again the next year, in the summer of 1630, a party from the Green Gate Congregation crossed to England and set sail, embarking on the Handmaid which dropped anchor at Plymouth three months later with sixty on board" (Wilson, page 268).

The Handmaid was the last of the Pilgrim ships. Plymouth was a thriving Pilgrim town. Life there was not so somber as life in Boston under the influence of Governor Winthrop and his Puritans. Plymouth was still a leader in the affairs of the colony, and would remain so for many years afterward by virtue of being the first settlement in Massachusetts.

Shortly after Thomas Willett's arrival, the Colony's government sent him north to take charge of their trading post near the mouth of the Kennebec River in what is now Maine. A little later, a new trading post was established on the Penoscot River, about 50 miles up the Maine Coast from the Pilgrim trading post at Kennebec. There was a royal proclamation against trading weapons to the Indians. However, another agent, Edward Ashley, was illegally furnishing the Indians with weapons in defiance of King Charles I proclamation of November 24, 1630. Ashley was arrested and sent to England for trial before the Privy Council. Young Thomas Willett had actually seen Ashley sell contraband and was a star witness. However, this required that Willett return to England. He and Isaac Allerton returned to England on Allerton's ship, White Angel. On September 6, 1631, Willett gave his testimony. Ashley was found guilty. This was only one of the problems and conflicts which faced the Pilgrim community.

And even greater fraud had been continuously perpetuated on the unsuspecting Pilgrims by Willett's fellow travellor, Isaac Allerton. Allerton had been acting as the Pilgrim's agent in London who dealt with the backers of Plymouth Plantation. Allerton had succeeded in running up the Pilgrim's debt, from £ 400 (about $20,000) to £ 4,770 (about $238,500) in less than four years. Allerton was eventually dismissed from his position, but he continually plagued the Pilgrim fathers for years afterward.

The return trip to New England was arranged. Thomas had the company of another old family friend from Leyden on the outbound trip. This was his father's friend, John Browne, along with his daughter, Mary Browne, and other members of that family who were immigrating to the new world. They left England on June 22, 1632, on board the Lion, which was a fairly large ship for the day. The return trip took twelve weeks; they arrived in Boston on September 16. Thomas Willett and Mary Brown must have seen a lot of each other during that voyage. An enduring romance must have had its inception on board the Lion.

After returning to the Plymouth Colony, Thomas was sent once again to the Kennebec trading post. One day, in 1632, a French ship put into the harbor at Kennebec. Under the ruse of needing repairs, the French captured the post from the "servants left in charge by the resident agent, Thomas Willett, who happened to be in Plymouth getting supplies" (Wilson, page 295). Willett remained with the trading venture until 1634, and earned the praise of William Bradford of Plymouth as an "honest young man whom, being discreet, they could trust."

In 1634, Willett was moved from the Kennebec post to the one at Penoscot. Again the French came, this time in 1635, and led by one d'Aulay captured the post while Willett was in charge. The capture was done with almost legendary French charm and grace, if Bradford's History of the Plymouth settlement can be believed. The French turned Willett and his fellows out of the post, gave them provisions and their ship, and sent them packing back to Plymouth. This second episode did not damage the reputation that Willett had with the leaders in Plymouth. French and English rivalry would continue in the region unabated until well after the Arcadian explusion from Grand Pre in Nova Scotia in 1755.

Went we think of the New England plantations, we usually think of open minded, tolerant Pilgrims and Puritans looking only for a "new" world where they could worship God without fear of persecution. However, neither open-mindness nor tolerant were adjectives which should ever be used to describe the Pilgrims and Puritans.

> "Sectarian bitterness and exclusivity were more characteristic of the seventeenth century than our own day. Tolerance was not then championed as a principle; it was regarded more as a deisagreeable alternative to community discord. Every Sect preferred that dissenters

> find some other place to worship. On Boston Common, Puritans hanged four Quakers who had returned after being expelled. An unorthodox Roger Williams escaped deportation by fleeing south, where he founded Rhode Island. A year later, in 1636, Thomas Hooker moved a more orthodox group of believers from the Boston area to the fertile Connecticutt River Valley and founded Hartford" (Wilson, page 26).

Thomas Willett's experiences were more pleasant in that year. On July 6, 1636, he married Mary, the daughter of Worshipful John Brown (b 1584 in England; d April 10, 1662, at Swansea, Massachusetts), the son of Thomas Browne. Peter Browne, the uncle of John Browne had come over on the original Mayflower, and he and the elder Thomas Browne were sons of Thomas Browne, Senior. The Browns were from Swansea, England, and his wife Dorothy (nee Beauchamp) had immigrated from Cambridge, England, to Holland, and then followed the Puritans to Massachusetts. Governor Winthrop performed the ceremony. The Browns had been one of the last of the Green Gate Pilgrims to leave Holland for the new world. They were old friends of the Willett family.

> "By this marriage, Willett allied himself with one of the most influential families of the Plymouth Colony. Mr. Brown had become one of plymouth's most prominent figures and had been given a patent on the Kennebec. For twelve years he was a commissioner of the United Colonies of New England, and for eighteen years he was a governor's assistant. Willett was a close friend of Isaac Allerton, that stormy petrel of the Mayflower, who is said to have been one of the most stirring persons among the first settlers of New England" (Wilson, page 43).

This assestment of Isaac Allerton is certainly different from the one given in the preceeding page. Allerton's wife, Mary, had died during that first winter of 1621, several weeks after the stillborn birth of a son.

Mary Brown was from Plymouth, but for a while after their marriage they lived at Dorchester, then they returned to Plymouth sometime between 1641 and 1647.

The Plymouth that Thomas Willett knew can be still seen in the hills of Plymouth today. Here past has been preserved, restored or recreated as best as it can. In Plymouth today:

> "The Jenney Grist Mill, a modern reproduction on Town Brook, occupying the site of a Pilgrim mill built in 1636. A fish ladder enables alewives to swim upstream to spawn in April and May, just as they did in colonial days. Across Summer Street from the mill rises Burial Hill. The Pilgrims knew it as Fort Hill and here, stretching from the southern slope to the water front, they established their community. A tablet on Leyden Street marks the site of the Common House. The fort-meeting-house built in 1622, occupied the crest of the hill until the structure was dismantled in the late 1670s. The old graveyard here offers a sweeping view of the countryside" (Wilson, page 26).

In 1638, Mary (Browne) Willett received a legacy by the will of Mr. William Paddy of Boston, of "40 Shillings for a ring, out of affection for her." This was a custom, along with the custom of giving a gift of mourning gloves, that survived late into the colonial era. Her husband was busy establishing a new home for his new bride.

> "In 1639, he was granted a tract of one hundred acres in Duxbury, where he established a homestead. He invested in horses, cattle, goats, sheep, swine, much of what he later sold in New Amsterdam. Successful as an Indian trader, he extended his operation, becoming a trader with the Dutch, a large landholder, and ultimately a ship owner" ("Magazine of American History," volume 17, page 233; Smith, page 44).

Thomas Willett was well adapted to trade with the Dutch of New Amsterdam. He had grown up in Leyden, Holland, and knew the language. He must have been well educated, and most likely attended a Dutch institution. He also had four years of experience in managing the fur trading outposts at Kennebec and Penoscot in what now is Maine.

> "His first appearence in New Amsterdam was evidently in 1640, when he witnessed the purchase of 1600 pounds of tobacco by Director General Kieft; Willett seems to have had his confidence,as he later had that of Petrus Stuyvesant. In 1642, he bought an interest in a fifty-ton bark and started his career as a ship-owner. From that time until his death in 1674, he constantly appears in the New Netherlands and New York records, although retaining his interests in the Plymouth Colony and for a time holding public offices there" (Smith, page 44).

The Dutch were marvelous traders and ship owners. Their ships regularly traded up and down the coast and often were in the Cheaspeake Bay. Many of the Dutch citizens settled in English colonies, notably on the Eastern Shore in the colony of Virginia. Many of the these Dutch were in reality the sons of Englishmen who had followed the Puritan exodus to the continent in the early 1600s. However, after one or two decades in Holland, the English had become so alike the Dutch that often they had to apply for English citizenship in the new world. And, the Dutch were suspicious of the English, particularly the English settlements in Long Island, Connecticut and Massachusetts. This is were Willett, born in England, raised in Holland, was at his best, as an intermediator between the Dutch and the English.

> "We find the record of Captain Thomas Willett, specially in his trade with New Amsterdam and the English towns. He acquired a remarkable degree the confidence of the Dutch, and also the Indians, as well as the English. When Governor Stuyvesant first arrived in New Amsterdam, in 1647, to succeed Governor Kieft, a spirit of intercolonial courtesy induced Governor Bradford, of Plymouth to write to Stuyvesant, under the date of April 3d, 1647, congratulating him on his safe arrival, and in the letter commending to the Dutch Governor, Thomas Willett and William Paddie as men who he could trust. Stuyvesant ac-

> cepted the recommendation, finding it in accord with the sentiment of New Amsterdam; and soon after appointed Captain Willett to represent the Dutch in a boundary commission between New Netherlands and Hartford. The English settlers were already in a large majority on Long Island, and had made settlement under the Dutch in what is now the town of Westchester, in Westchester County, as early as 1642, and the colonial government at Hartford was asserting territorial jurisdiction as far as the Hudson River. Stuyvesant was forced to exert himself to the utmost in defense of Dutch claims, and he was wise in employing Englishmen as his agents. The treaty was signed at Hartford, on the 19th of September, 1650, by Symon Bradstreet and Thomas Pence for the English, and Thomas Willett and George Baxter for the Dutch. Stuyvesant's arbitrary methods had made him unpopular among his own people and some discontented Dutch complained of him to the home government for thus employing Englishmen to represent Dutch interests; but with all the light we now have it does not seem possible for him to have done better, and it is interesting to note that a hearing on both sides, the treaty was finally approved at the Hague on the 22d of February, 1656. This treaty recognized the right of the English under the Government of Hartford to all of Long Island east of Oyster Bay, and made the boundary on the north side of the Sound near the present line between Connecticut and New York" (Cornell, page 243).

However, Captain Thomas Willett had not changed his allegiance, or permanently settled in New Amsterdam. He did keep a house there, but he had an extensive business, ships, and a warehouse, all of which had to come under his personal eye. At this time, there were no inland roads. All travel between Boston and New Amsterdam would have been done almost exclusively by ship. There were few inns along the way, and most towns had only ordinaries to look after the traveller. On March 7, 1647/48 Thomas Willett was made Captain of the Plymouth Company of Militia. He succeeded Captain Miles Standish, that "little stovepipe" who had died.

On June 6, 1649, he was made a surveyor of the highways. And on July 4, 1649, he and four others leased the trade of the Kennebec for three years on the same terms they formerly had. This shows that Captain Thomas Willett had business interests in Kennebec, Penobscot, and the Maine coast well into his old age.

From 1651 until 1664, he was a magistrate of the Plymouth Colony; Thomas Southworth was Lieutenant, and William Bradford, Jr., Ensign. On April 6, 1653, Willett was a member, with eight others, of the Council of War. He was appointed to keep part of the powder and shot. He and Captain Miles Standish were named to lead the English expedition against the Dutch, in the first so called Dutch War. However, peace was declared before the forces took to the field.

Captain Willett kept a residence in New Amsterdam. In 1655, he was one of the 320 taxpayers. He owned several ships, and perhaps one or all of them were ocean-going vessels. In 1651, he purchased the frigate Palomne; he was bondsman for Edmond Scarborough, late of Accomack County, Colony of Virgina, for £ 5,000 in 1655; and about the same time purchased the ship Abraham's Sacrifice; he also owned the New Netherlands.

On March 5, 1656, he and two others were leased the trade of the Kennebec for seven years at £ 35 per annum in money, moose, or beaver, payable half in April and half in November.

In 1660, Thomas Willett founded the town of Swansea, Rhode Island, and here were Massachusetts and Rhode Island join, made his home. It must have been a nice home. Willett was well-to-do, if not down-right rich. His son John was living in New Amsterdam, perhaps as overseer to the Willett ventures there. His son Hezekiah lived at Swansea, probably with his father. Hezekiah had a negro slave, Jethro. In a few years he would build a house on the outskirts of the settlement. The whole of the town was founded on a large tract of land patented to Thomas Willett. Life must have been leisurely as the elder Thomas journeyed back and forth, in Plymouth on Court days, overlooking the accounts in New Amsterdam when he could take the time, but probably spending most of his tie developing his plantation and town at Swansea. On Septmeber 30, 1660, the Council of New Netherlands ordered that 4 negroes be delivered to Captain Thomas Willett for payment for provisions he had delivered the year before.

On March 4, 1661, he was deputed to speak to Wamsutta about an exchanging lands that he had brought of him in the same year. Evidently, this was an attempt to convince Wamsutta to sell the area around Swansea to Thomas.

In 1662, Governor Stuyvesant had Captain Willett accompany him on a state visit to the wilderness outpost of Albany. Massasoit died in this year, and his eldest son Wamsutta succeeded him. When the Plymouth Colony requested that Wamsutta come to Plymouth, he delayed until his friend, Captain Thomas Willett could accompany him. Wamsutta died the next year, and his brother Philip became chief.

With war between England and Holland being threatened, Governor Stuyvesant made an agreement with Captain Thomas Willett on May 31, 1664, for provisions for the colony. This consisted chiefly of beef, and pork, to be obtained in Plymouth or in the "father land" if necessary. Thomas was to be paid in negroes or beaver.

Thomas Willett was brought into the Burgomaster's Court on June 7, 1664, because of his son, John's debts; John had died on February 12, 1664.

> "On the 7th of June, 1664, Adrain Van Laar claims before the Burgomaster's Court that Thomas Willett shall pay the debts of his deceased son, John Willett. Thomas replies that he had nothing to do with his sons debts. To this is answered that Willett has some hogsheads of tobacco that belong to his son. Willett replies that this has been placed in the hands of the Heer Burgomaster Cornelis Steenwyck for the benefit of John Willett's creditors. The Court therefore decides that the plaintiff must look for his pay along with the other creditors, to the effects of John Willett, deceased" (Cornell, page 247).

Thomas Willet's grief must have been short. His special talents and advice were needed in Boston. On July 8, 1664, Thomas sent word to Governor Stuyvesant of the impending attack. The English had been ever encroaching on the land claimed by the Dutch. Finally, drastic action was to be taken.

> "In the summer of 1664, the Dutch Governor Stuyvesant still ruled with an imperious will, un the Dutch Colony of New Amsterdam, and the Burgomasters Paulus, Leendensten Van der Drist, and Cornelius Steenwyck, with sundry subordinate officials, whose names and the names of their offices have an equally unfamilar sound to English ears, were the local magistrates of the Dutch City of New Amsterdam.

Governor Stuyvesant, and the Burgomasters and the Dutch people had known that an English invasion was threatened. Whether with, or without just reason, the English had always claimed that the Dutch settlement was an invasion on English territory. It may be remembered that Sir Walter Raleigh's expedition of 1583 had landed on New Foundland and had taken possession of that territory, in the name of Queen Elizabeth, although a score of French and English vessels were then fishing on the coast, and that the expedition the following year, 1584, had landed on a more southern territory, which he claimed for England, and to which Queen Elizabeth gave the name of Virginia; and Virginia, as they understood it, extended from the latitude 34 degrees, to 45 north; that is from North Carolina to Maine as we now name the territory. The English made permenant settlement in Virginia in 1607. The Puritans (sic., should read Pilgrims), who founded Plymouth in 1620, in the compact made in the Mayflower, proposed to settle in the Northern part of Virginia. If Plymouth was the northern part of Virginia, it could be claimed that New Amsterdam and the New Netherlands were invasions on Virginia, and hence arose frequent dissensions between the Dutch and English colonists. At lenght, early in 1664, King Charles II determined to settle these controversies on the,

good old plan
That they should take who have power,
And they should keep, who can.

The King made a royal grant of the whole Dutch Colony to his brother, the Duke of York. The Duke immediately borrowed of the King four frigates, carrying 94 guns, and 450 men, and sent Col. Richard Nichols to take possession of the new territory" (Cornell, pages 236-237).

On the 8th of September, 1664, Governor Stuyvesant surrendered in the face of overwhelming force. Against the fleet of Col. Nichols, he could have only brought to bear 100 men, 25 guns, and barely enough ammunition to fight for one day. All Dutch rights were to be respected. The Dutch council then in session would rule until the usual change in council members was made the next spring. But the Dutch form of government was not customary in the King's dominions, so Governor Nicolls decided to give the city a new charter and government when June, 1665, came around. Who would be the first English Mayor?

Captain Thomas Willett was chosen by Colonel Nichols to be the first English Mayor of the renamed New York City. It was a natural choice made by a Colonel who had avoided bloodshed through negotiation. And Captain Thomas Willett was one of the chief negotiators. Not only was he respected by the English, but also by the Dutch. He spoke fluent Dutch and had a home in the city, along with business interests. On June 12, 1665, Willett assumed his seat at the head of the council. Of five alderman on the council, three were Dutchmen who had previously served. New York was then a small town of a few narrow streets, south of Wall Street, lined with small thatched cottages and some big handsome Dutch buildings.

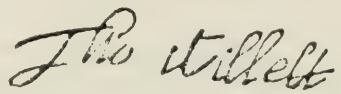
Even though he was governing New York, Thomas still found time to increase his land holdings in Rhode Island. On March 5, 1665, he purchased 400 to 500 acres on the north side of Rehoboth, Rhode Island.

Thomas was an alderman the following year, 1666, and again mayor in 1667. This was following the Dutch tradition of continuous service. Also, in these first few years of transition, the court record and the proceeding were conducted and kept in Dutch.

On March 5, 1668, at Swansea, the Court ordered that the township granted unto Captain Willett and others at Wawnamoisett and places adjacent shall be henceforth known by the name of Swansea. There is a house in Kingston on the Bridgewater road about one mile from the Railroad Station which is purportedly the original home of Captain Willett (The House of Our Fore Fathers, 1879). It is a large salt-box house with two windows on each side of a central hall and 5 windows across the 2d storey. The fireplaces were built in a central system in the center of the house. It is not to be assumed that this was Captain Wilett's authentic residence, at least, until further research has proven this unsubstantiated claim.

By authority of the Court of New Plymouth, in 1666, he obtained the Rehoboth North Purchase, which became Attleboro; he bought the land from Massasiot's eldest son, Wamsutta, who was the reigning sachem of Pokanoket. Plymouth gave him liberty to purchase lands there, as long as he did not antagonize the Indians in doing so.

Autograph of Captain Thomas Willett first Mayor of New York



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On January 8, 1669, Thomas Willett's wife, Mary Brown, died at their home in the Plymouth Colony. She was buried at Swansea. The gravestone of Mary Willett bears the following inscription:

on the head stone

"Here lyeth ye body of
the Vertuous Mrs. Mary
Willett wife to Thomas
Willett Esqr. who died
January ye 8 about ye 65th
year of her age. Anno."

on the foot stone

"Daughter to
ye Worfl. John
Brown Esqr.
Deceased."

The following excerpt is from a pseudo-fictional journal supposedly belonging to Mr. William Jeffrey. Actually, the journal was constructed by the author from the will and inventory records pertaining to Captain Thomas Willett. Althought, fanciful, the journal of Mr. William Jeffrey, Gentleman, and his travels through New England has a place in

setting the atmosphere of the time in which Captain Willett lived. The journal is appropriately titled The Journal of William Jeffrey, Gentleman, A Diary That Might Have Been. The editor forthrightly says: "There is much fact, if some fancy is interwoven.". Still it has its place for bringing to life, even for a day, Mr. Thomas Willett. On June 17, 1671, on a supposed visit to the Willett home on Naraganset Bay:

> "Mr. Willett hath shown me the graves of his wife Mary, and her parents, at the head of the cove near his house, where also, he shall lie ... Mr. Willett sitteth forth his table with more silver that I have mostly seen in these parts, having, as he telleth me, fourteen pounds weight thereof ... He hath shown me his books, by which he setteth much store: more especially Smith's Voyages, Pilgrimage in Holland, Holy War, Heber's Episcopal Policy, Calvin's Harmony, and for use on ocassion General Practice of Physick, being not near to any other Physician ... He hath much interest in the Church" (The Journal of William Jeffrey, Gentleman, A Diary That Might Have Been, ed. John Osborne Austin, 1899).

The books are typical of any learnt man of that day. His father had fled England due to his religious conscience. That he "hath much interest in the church" could be said of most any of the early Pilgrims, or the later Puritans. Most of the factual information was taken from the inventory of his estate.

Captain Willett married a second time, on September 19, 1671, he married Mrs. Joyce Pruden, the widow of the Reverend Peter Pruden of New Haven Colony.

In 1673, the third Dutch war occurred. A Dutch squadron of 23 ships retook New York. Captain Willett had a quantity of goods in the city, and was not about to let them be confiscated without a legal fight. His goods were attached and labeled, but he attempted to slip some beaver out of the city one midnight. He was caught, but after a court hearing he was permitted to retain clear title over one-half of his beaver. Captain Thomas Willett retired to Barrington, Rhode Island. He was getting a little old for a Puritan. He was 64 years old, and had been in the Plymouth Colony and New Amsterdam ever since both were new. Captain Thomas Willett died there at home on August 4, 1674. He was lain to rest beside his first wife with an engraved marble stone to mark his final resting place.

His will is dated April, 1671, and was proved November 25, 1674. Thomas Willett stated that he was blessed with several children and a liberal estate.

> "Executors: sons, James, Hezekiah, Andrew, and Samuel.
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> Overseers: my son-in-law, John Saffin, my friend Robert Holmes, brother-in-law, James Brown, son-in-law, Samuel Hooker, and Rev. John Myles.
>
> He mentions the fact that he is blessed with a liberal estate, consisting of goods, cattle, lands, houses, vessels for the sea, debts due, etc.
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> To his four sons, executors, all my dwelling house, warehouse, gardens, and various parcels of lands, 400 acres, rights in Rehoboth, etc. If any son sells he is first to proffer to one of his brothers, to the end

that the said house and lands might be inherited by those of posterity who bear the name Willett.

To his four sons was also given his library of books equally, and all commonage at Reheboth, except what was given to Samuel Hooker. When sons marry they are to have the consent of majority of overseers surviving, on penalty of being disinherited, and such son's part given to others sons by the overseers.

To grandson, Samuel Hooker, 80 acres of land and £ 50 worth of commonage in Rehoboth.

To grandsons hereafter named, land in Narragansett county viz: to grandson, Thomas Saffin, a double portion, and each grandchild surviving to have his benefit of Narragansett lands. To son Hooker's six sons already born and all those that shall be born by his wife, my daughter, Mary; and to my son Saffin's four sons, and all sons born to his wife, my daughter Martha; and to all such sons born to my daughter Esther (before division takes place in regard to all); to all these aforesaid grandchildren, the Narragansett lands to be equally divided.

To son James Willett, £ 50, to be paid him by my three other sons.

To daughter Esther Willett, £ 50, paid by above three sons; and to her £ 100, already provided for her marriage portion.

To four sons, James, Hezekiah, Andrew, and Samuel, all rights to all lands not already mentioned.

To three sons, Hezekiah, Andrew, and Samuel, £ 50 each, towards maintenance in books and other attainments of learning.

To granddaughter Sarah Eliot, £ 50.

To old servant John Paddock, £ 10.

To overseers, each 10s.

To the church of Plymouth, £ 10.

To the church at Swansea, £ 10.

To the church at Rehoboth, £ 5.

To Rev. John Miles, £ 10.

To sons and daughters rest of estate; goods, cattle, household stuff, money, plate, negroes, etc., equally."

His English origin prompted him to instruct his sons not to sell their inheritance ou of the Willett family. Perhaps it was an overly pious request. It was futile. Today, n Willett owns any of it. He was a large landowner, but in a day when land was cheap. Hi inventory was impressive:

"Inventory total: £ 2,798, 14s., 7d., viz: books, silver tankard, porringer, large wrought iron fruit dish, snuffers, spoons, tobacco box, wine bowl, mustard pot, etc. (amounting to 14 pounds, 2 ounces in weight) £ 67, 16s., four cabinets, chairs, castor hats, household goods, store goods, etc. The titles of some of his books were: Pilgrimage in Holland, General Practice of Physick, Luther's Table Talk, Allen's Doctrine of the Gospel, Holy War, Smith's Voyages, Heber's Episcopal Policy and Cosmography, History of New England, Wilson's Dictionary, Calvin's Harmony. He also left snuffers, candlesticks, 13 feather beds, carpenter's tools, 149 sheep, 22 oxen, 27 steers, 20 heifers, 25 year-

lings, 24 calves, a bull, 10 riding horses, 18 mares, 18 colts, swine, leather, dwelling house, orchard and land adjoining worth £ 720, land at Reheboth, etc."

His son-in-law, Judge John Saffin wrote, the following eulogy on the death of his father-in-law, Captain Thomas Willett:

"Here grand Willett whose good name
Did mount upon the wings of fame:
Who into place did not intrude,
When star of first magnitude:
But prudence, piety, and zeal
For God in church and commonweal,
His real worth and generous spirit,
Which constantly he did inherit,
His hospitality and love,
His courteous carriage like a dove
Did so excell that all might see
He had attained to the first of three
Now he hence gone to his long home
And taken from the ill to come
Lived here desired, lamented died
Is with his savior glorified."

Of Mrs. Willett, Judge Saffin wrote:

"Yea Venus, Pallas, Diana and the Graces
Compare with her, should all have
lost their places."

He and his wife are buried at the head of Bullock's Cove, in what is now the town of East Providence, Rhode Island. The gravestone of Captain Willett is inscribed:

"Here lyes ye body
of ye Worfl Thomas
Willett, Esq., who died
August ye 4th in ye 64th
year of his Age. Anno."

"Who was the
First Mayor
of New York
and twice did
sustain ye place."

The widow, Mrs. Joyce (Pruden) Willett became the third wife of John Bishop of Boston. A year after his death, Thomas Willett's town was laid to ashes by the Indians in King Philip's War. His newly wed son, Hezekiah was killed.

The male issue of the Captain Thomas Willett family depends on his son Samuel. Hezekiah died without issue. James's only son, Thomas is not known to be married or if married to have had children. Andrew's children died without issue. However, there is no proof that Samuel married or had children.

(Bookstaver, pages 13-27; Cornell, pages 236-251D).

1. Mary: b November 10, 1637, at Plymouth; m 1st at Plymouth, Massachusetts, September 22, 1658, Rev. Samuel Hooker (d 1697) of Farmington; m 2d August 10, 1703, Rev. Thomas Buckingham; no issue; d June 24, 1712 at Norwich, Connecticutt. See next A.1.4.1.

2. Martha: b August 6, 1639, at Plymouth; m December 3, 1658 at Plymouth Judge John Saffin (d 1710) of Boston; d December 1, 1678; buried at Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts. (Bookstaver, pages 17-18). See next A.1.4.2.

3. John: b August 21, 1641; m 1663 Abigail Collins (b September 20, 1644) the daughter of Deacon Edward Collins; d February 12, 1664; no issue. See next A.1.4.3.

4. Sarah: b May 4, 1643; m 1661 Rev. John Elliot (b August 31, 1636; d October 13, 1668) the son of the "Indian Apostle" of the same name and Ann Mumford; d June 13, 1665. (Bookstaver, page 18).

1. Sarah Elliot: b 1662.

5. Rebecca: b December 2, 1644; d 1647, age 7 years (or April 2, 1652?).

6. Thomas: b October 1, 1646; probably died before 1671.

7. Esther: b July 10, 1648; m January 24, 1672, Rev. Josiah Flint (d 1680) of Dorchester, the son of Henry and Margaret (Hoar) Flint. Their daughter, Dorothy Flint married in 1701 Edmund Quincy, a member of the noted Quincy family. In 1871, Oliver Wendell Holmes, the great grandson of Dorothy Quincy, wrote the poem "Dorothy Q." See Appendix A. Esther (Willett) Flint died on July 26, 1737. (Bookstaver, page 18).

1. Mary Flint: b November, 1672.

2. Henry Flint: b February 9, 1674.

3. Henry Flint: b 1675.

4. Dorothy Flint:

8. James: b November 23, 1649; m April 17, 1673, at Reheboth, Bristol County, Massachusetts, Eliza Hunt; m 2d 1677 Grace Frint. See next A.1.4.8.

9. Hezekiah: b 1651 at Swansea, Bristol County, Massachusetts; d July 26, 1651, an infant.

10. Hezekiah: b November 17, 1653, at Swansea, Bristol County, Massachusetts; m January 7, 1675/76 at Swansea Anna Brown the daughter of John Brown II; d July 1, 1676. See next A.1.4.10.

11. David: b November 1, 1654; died young.

12. Andrew: b October 5, 1655; m May 30, 1682, Ann Coddington; resided at Kingston, Rhode Island; d April 6, 1712. See next A.1.4.12.

13. Samuel: b October 27, 1658; in 1664, he had land left to him by his father in Rhode Island and may have lived there. It is not known if he married, and there is no further record of him. However, a Samuel Willett took the Oath of Allegiance in Boston in 1678 (Boston Beginnings 1630-1699), 1980, Holbrook: source records of Boston: Miscellaneous Papers, Volume 29). (Bookstaver, pages 19-20).

A.1.4.1
MARY WILLETT and the Reverend THOMAS HOOKER of Hartford, Connecticutt

Mary Willett was born on November 10, 1637, at Plymouth. She married 1st at Plymouth, Massachusetts, on September 22, 1658, Rev. Samuel Hooker (b 1633; d November 6, 1697, at Farmington, Connecticutt) of Farmington. He was a Fellow of Harvard in 1654.

She married 2d on August 10, 1703, Rev. Thomas Buckingham; no issue. She d June 24, 1712 at Norwich, Connecticutt, and is buried at Farmington, Hartford, Connecticutt. (Bookstaver, page 17).

1. Thomas Hooker: b June 10, 1659; m November 24, 1687, Abigail Stanley (b July 25, 1669; d February 21, 1743); d February 21, 1746, at Farmington, Connecticutt.

2. Samuel Hooker: b May 29, 1661; m Mehitable Hamlen.

3. William Hooker: b abt 1664; m Mrs. Susannah Blackleach, the widow of John Blackleach.

4. James Hooker: b 1666; m August 1, 1691, Mary Leete; became a Judge; d 1743.

5. Roger Hooker: b September 14, 1668; d unmarried.

6. Nathaniel Hooker: b September 28, 1671.

7. Mary Hooker: b July 3, 1673; m abt 1695 Reverend James Pierpoint.

8. Hezekiah Hooker: b November 7, 1675; died young.

9. Daniel Hooker: b March 25, 1679; became a doctor; m Sarah Standluy.

10. Sarah Hooker: b 1681; m the Reverend Stephen Buckingham.

A.1.4.2

MARTHA WILLETT and Judge JOHN SAFFIN of Boston, Massachusetts

Martha Willett was born on August 6, 1639, at Plymouth Colony. She married on December 3, 1658 at Plymouth Judge John Saffin (d 1710) of Boston. She died on December 11, 1678, and is buried at Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts.
(Bookstaver, pages 17-18).

1. John Saffin: b September 13, 1659.

2. John Saffin: b April 14, 1662.

3. Thomas Saffin: b March 18, 1664.

4. Simon Saffin: b April 4, 1666.

5. Josiah Saffin: b January 30, 1668.

6. Joseph Saffin: b February 2, 1670.

7. Benjamin Saffin: b June 15, 1672.

8. Joseph Saffin: b January 24, 1676.

Gloucester
Salem
Boston
Hull
Hingham
Scituate
Marshfield
Duxbury
Plymouth
Taunton
Providence
Rehoboth
Swansea
Middleborough
Warwick
Portsmouth
Newport
Sandwich
Barnstable
BUZZARDS BAY
Long Island Sound
MARTHA'S VINEYARD
NANTUCKET
MAP DRAWN BY ALBERT J. WILLETT

A.1.4.3
JOHN WILLETT and ABIGAIL COLLINS of New Amsterdam

John Willett was born on August 21, 1641, probably at Plymouth. He married in 1663 Abigail Collins (b September 20, 1644) the youngest daughter of Deacon Edward Collins. John Willett died on February 12, 1664, suddenly no doubt, for his will, probated within a forthnight by his brother Thomas, was nocup.

The following entry appears in the Court record of New Amsterdam.

> "On the 7th of June, 1664, Adrian Van Laar claims before the Burgomaster's Court that Thomas Willett shall pay the debts of his deceased son, John Willett. Thomas replies that he had nothing to do with his sons debts. To this is answered that Willett has some hogsheads of tobacco that belong to his son. Willett replies that this has been placed in the hands of the Heer Burgomaster Cornelis Steenwyck for the benefit of John Willett's creditors. The Court therefore decides that the plaintiff must look for his pay along with the other creditors, to the effects of John Willett, deceased" (Cornell, page 247).

There is no known posthumous child of this marriage.

His widow, Abigail (Collins) Willett married at Charleston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, on May 12, 1665, Lawrence Hammond.

A.1.4.6
THOMAS WILLETT of Plymouth Colony

Thomas Willett was born October 1, 1646. It must be assumed that he died as a young child. There is no record of a marriage. Most likely he had predeceased his father, as he is not mentioned in the 1671 will of his father, and because his father named a younger brother, James (b 1649), as his eldest son. Neither does his father make any bequests to either a daughter-in-law or minor children who could have been the issue of this Thomas.

The Rhode Island Genealogical Dictionary also says that Thomas died young.

A.1.4.8
JAMES WILLETT and ELIZABETH HUNT of Swansea and Stonington

James Willett was born November 23, 1649. He probably grew up in Plymouth. His father founded Swansea, Bristol County, Massachusetts, in 1660, and so he most likely went to live on his father's land there as a teenager. Swansea overlooks Mount Hope Bay.

On April 17, 1673, he married Elizabeth (Eliza) Hunt the daughter of Lieutenant Peter Hunt of Rehoboth. Rehoboth, Bristol County, Massachusetts, is just a few miles north of Swansea on Narragansett Bay. They made their home at Swansea. It was James Willett's understanding that Mary Hunt was to bring a dowry with her to the marriage. James' father, Captain Thomas Willett, died in August 4, 1674, leaving James a legacy of land.

Elizabeth (Hunt) Willett survived her marriage only a few years. She was buried in July, 1676, at Rehoboth, Bristol County, Massachusetts (Rehoboth Vital Records: Deaths, Marriages, and Intentions, page 401). Because of the date of her death, she may have

been a victim of King's Philip's War. Her brother-in-law, Hezekiah, had been killed in an Indian attack on Swansea on July 1, 1676.

Perhaps, with the better part of Swansea ravished by the Indian attacks the summer of 1676, James decided to remove to Connecticutt. Only one year later, James Willett married as his 2d wife in June, 1677, Grace Frint. The marriage was performed by Thomas Stanton, Commissioner of Stonington, Connecticutt. James and his new wife probably lived at Swansea for about two years, perhaps three. Then they probably moved to New London, Connecticutt, where their son, Thomas, was born in 1681.

A little later, they have moved back to Stonington, Connecticutt. Stonington would be a natural location for the shipping interest which his father had since it lay astride the sea lane that connected Plymouth, Providence, New London, and New York. Perhaps James was acting as an agent for one part of the old Willett trading venture.

James thought he was due a dowry from his first marriage, in 1679, he attempted to collect on that promise of a dowry.

> "Six years after his marriage, James sued his father-in-law for £ 100, claiming that he had agreed to pay him this amount on his marrying his daughter. He lost the suit, but his marriage (to Elizabeth Hunt) is said to have been a happy one" (Bookstaver, page 18).

New London, Groton, and Norwich, Connecticut, are all within 15 miles of Stonington. At the same time James is living in Stonington, a John Willett is living there also (see Chapter Five). Whether they are related to each other is unknown. James' brother, John, had died in 1664, probably in New Amsterdam.

Of special note is Moodus on the Connecticutt River, 30 miles distant from Stonington. It is the center of an earthquake region. In both 1638, and in 1791, tremors were so great that they could be felt on the coast and in Boston. Over 500 quakes have been recorded since June 1, 1638, and 1979. Governor Winthrop noted in his journal on June 1, 1638, the first English record of a quake in the region. Governor Winthrop said:

> "It came with a noise like a continental thunder, or the rattling of coaches in London. It shook all the ships in the harbor and all the islands. The earth was unquiet for twenty days after."

In 1680, James Willett was a resident of New London, Connecticutt, when he brought farms and lands of William Meader. In 1685, these were assigned to Gershom Lamberth; so perhaps James never actually moved his residence from Stonington.

On December 14, 1685, the Rev. James Noyes of the First Congregational Church of Stonington, Connecticutt, baptized three of James' children (Thomas, Mary, and Sarah) and a Blackmore servant, Joseph. Martha Willett was baptized on November 22, 1685 (History of the Road Church, Stonington). (Bookstaver, pages 18-19).

1. Mary: b abt 1674 at Swansea, Bristol County, Massachusetts, on December 9, 1674; m abt 1695 Thomas Larrabee (b 1675; d 1712) of Norwich, Connecticutt.

2. Martha: b abt 1675 at Swansea, Bristol County, Massachusetts, on January 28, 1679/80; baptized at Stonington, Connecticutt, on November 22, 1685.

3. Thomas: b January 11, 1681, recorded at New London; baptized December 14, 1684; a resident of Connecticutt; no further record.

4. Sarah: b 1683.

A.1.4.10
HEZEKIAH WILLETT and ANNA BROWN of Swansea, Rhode Island

Hezekiah Willett was born at Swansea, Bristol County, Massachusetts, on November 17, 1653.

In 1674, he inherited a legacy of land from his father's estate. He married, on January 7, 1676, Anna Brown the daughter of John Brown (II). They built a house on the outer edge of the settlement.

> "They lived at Swansea and he was a favorite of all his neighbors and well liked by many Indians. A few months after he was married, he was standing near his home and was shot by some prowling Indians and his head carried off. Other Indians who knew him, finding the head, combed the hair, tenderly decorated it with beads and brought it back to his home" (Bookstaver, page 19).

His death occurred July 1, 1676. Hezekiah had been shot with three bullets and had his head carried off. This was the beginning of King Phillip's War. It is unlikely that an attack would have been made on Swansea if his father had still been living, because the elder Thomas Willett was universally respected by the Indians. But times had changed. King Phillip's father and brother had both died and old alliances were beginning to fade. Hezekiah's slave, Jethro, was captured in this attack and carried off. A relief force was formed at Bridgewater and Taunton. Indian fighter, Benjamin Church, was placed at the head of an advance party, and William Bradford, Jr., was placed in command of the main force.

> "On July 6th the army had the good fortune to rescue Jethro, the Negro servant who had been taken prisoner at Swansea the previous week. Jethro had kept his wits about him and, having some knowledge of the Indian tongue, had been able to learn that the savages were planning an attack on Taunton. Acting on this information, Bradford assigned a detail of soldiers to guard the threatened town, with the result that when the Indians did attack Taunton on July 11th they met with a warm reception, and quickly fled" (Flintlock and Tomahawk, page 215).

Hezekiah's death exasperated the colony,

> "the more especially from the uniform kindness of the Willett family to the Indians. In all offers of pardon and amnesty, these assassins were excepted, and when Crossman, their leader was taken, he was

hanged. Even the hostile Wampanoags lamented young Willett's death" (Some Colonial Families, page 381).

The war continued for another year until King Phillip was himself killed in an ambush led by Benjamin Church. From Hezekiah Willett's marriage to his death was only six months; he left no known issue from his brief marriage nor any posthumous child. (Bookstaver, page 19).

A.1.4.12

ANDREW WILLETT and ANN CODDINGTON of Kings Town, Rhode Island

Andrew Willett was born on October 5, 1655, probably at Swansea, Bristol County, Massachusetts. In 1674, he inherited a legacy from his father.

On May 30, 1682, he married Ann Coddington (b July 26, 1663; d December 4, 1751) the daughter of the first Governor of Rhode Island, William Coddington, and Ann Brinkley. In 1684, he was made a freeman of Kings Town, Rhode Island. In 1687, he was on the Grand Jury. Andrew Willett was a merchant at Kings Town, Rhode Island, and lived all his life on a farm at South Kingston, then called "Boston Neck" (Cornell, pages 251B-251C).

He furnished fifteen hundred feet of clapboards for the Court House at Newport, Rhode Island, for which his account was adjusted on June 27, 1691.

He was Deputy for Kings Town in 1696, 1698, 1703, 1704, and Town Clerk 1700-1703. On July 12, 1703, he and others were appointed to lay out highways.

Andrew Willett died April 6, 1712; his wife, Ann, and his son, Francis, were his executors. Francis was only 19 years old at the time of his father's death. (Bookstaver, page 19; Cornell, page 251C).

"Will of Andrew Willett, merchant, dated March 16, 1712; proved April, 1712. Executors: Ann and son Francis.

To sons, Francis and Thomas, land where I now dwell, when Thomas is of age, and meanwhile to be for wife, and she shall bring up children, Francis, Thomas, and Martha. The son who has the dwelling house in the division of the farm is to pay the other £ 20. To sons also other land.

To son Francis, a pair of pistols.

To son Thomas, an embroidered belt.

To daughter Martha, a certain amount in household goods at eighteen.

To daughter Mary Carpenter, £ 5, she having her portion.

To wife Ann, half of all stock and the other half to two sons.

To wife, all household goods, plate, and man Joseph, and she to be very kind to him for the good service he has done. To wife, also the use of the great room and bedroom adjoining and little cellar and half of garret, and to her all debts due, and to have a sum paid her yearly by two sons" (Genealogical Dictionary of Rhode Island, page 428).

His inventory was just as impressive as his father's had been.

"Inventory total: £ 515, 15s., viz: 2 oxen, 16 cows, 10 heifers, 2 steers, 6 yearlings, bull, 180 sheep, 13 hogs, 2 silver tankards, 2 porringers, 2 cups, 9 spoons £ 26, silver buckle and waist girdle, 2 guns, 2 pair of pistols, 2 silver hilted swords, square oak table, oval oak table, 7 leather chairs, 6 chairs wooden bottoms, 3 chairs flag bottoms, 6 Turkey work chairs, 6 chairs covered with serge, turkey work carpet, clock, andirons, bellows, 34 books, history, etc. £ 15, pewter, wearing apparel, silver headed cane, negro man £ 35, woman £ 45, country bills £ 20, etc. Among the rooms named were kitchen, garret, hall, room adjoining below stairs, hall chamber, kitchen chamber, and long room" (Genealogical Dictionary of Rhode Island, page 428).

He and his wife were buried on the homestead farm.

It is important to carefully weigh facts about Andrew since there was another Andrew Willett living in Boston who was born in 1654 and had worked at Kennebec (possibly under Captain Thomas Willett).

(Bookstaver, page 19).

1. Anne: b September 26, 1689; m February 9, 1707, Joseph Carpenter (b October 16, 1685; d May 3, 1776) the son of Joseph and Ann (Simpkins) Carpenter of Oyster Bay, New Jersey. They had no issue. She died on February 9, 1709; after her death, Joseph Carpenter married her sister, Mary (Cornell, page 251C).

2. Mary: b February 21, 1690; m 1711 her late sister's husband, Joseph Carpenter (b October 16, 1685; d May 3, 1776) the son of Joseph and Ann (Simpkins) Carpenter of Oyster Bay, New Jersey. See next A.1.4.12.2.

3. Francis: b June 25, 1693; m abt 1715 Mary Taylor (b 1678; d April 17, 1769) and left no issue; d October 6, 1776, aged 83 "s. p." See next A.1.4.12.3.

4. Thomas: b May 13, 1696; he resided at North Kingstown, Rhode Island; d September 24, 1725, age 29, unmarried.

"Will of Thomas Willett: executor, brother Francis Willett.

To: brother Francis, farm on Boston Neck, and all my lands, messuages and tenements, but if he have no issue then to my two cousins (i.e., nephews), viz: Willett Carpenter, son of my sister Mary Carpenter, and William Pease, son of my sister Martha Pease, equally divided.

To: mother: £ 20, for life, paid by my brother from profits of estate.

To: sisters Mary Carpenter and Martha Pease, £ 10 each.

To: brother Francis, rest of personal estate, money, goods and chattels, moveables or immoveables" (Genealogical Dictionary of Rhode Island, page 429).

5. Martha: b March 6, 1698; m abt 1720 Simon Pease (Bookstaver, page 25).

1. Frances Pease: b abt 1722.

2. William Pease: b abt 1725.

3. Mary Pease: b abt 1727.

4. Simon Pease: b abt 1730.

5. Martha Pease: b abt 1732.

6. Judith Pease: b abt 1735.

7. Ann Pease: b abt 1737.

A.1.4.12.2
MARY WILLETT and JOSEPH CARPENTER of Oyster Bay, New York

Mary Willett was born on February 21, 1690. She married in 1711 her late sister's husband, Joseph Carpenter (b October 16, 1685; d May 3, 1776), the son of Joseph and Ann (Simpkins) Carpenter of Oyster Bay, New York.

(Bookstaver, page 25; Cornell page 251C; Genealogical Dictionary of Rhode Island, page 429).

1. Willett Carpenter: b June 8, 1714; died after 1724 but before 1736.

2. Anne Carpenter: b September 24, 1716.

3. Phoebe Carpenter: b August 28, 1718; m February 3, 1743, Daniel Willets (Pelletreau, 1907, page 326); d 1744. See next Chapter 14, Daniel Willets (N.1.5.5).

4. Joseph Carpenter: b July 15, 1720.

5. Andrew Carpenter: b December 1, 1722.

6. Thomas Carpenter: b April 15, 1726.

7. Francis Carpenter: b November 8, 1728; m abt 1750 Esther Hearn. See next A.1.4.12.2.7.

8. James Carpenter: b March 5, 1731.

9. Willett Carpenter: b January 5, 1736; probably died young.

A.1.4.12.2.7

FRANCIS CARPENTER and ESTHER HEARN of Long Island, New York

Francis Carpenter was born on November 8, 1728. He was a granddaughter of Andrew Willett of Rhode Island. He married about 1750 Esther Hearn. Most likely they made their residence on Long Island. (Bookstaver, page 25).

1. Mary Carpenter: b abt 1752; m Samuel Gardner.

2. Willett Carpenter: b abt 1755; m Elizabeth Case.

3. Frances Carpenter: b abt 1757.

4. Abigail Carpenter: b abt 1760.

5. Sarah Carpenter: b abt 1762.

6. Esther Carpenter: b abt 1765.

7. James Carpenter: b abt 1767.

A.1.4.12.3
Colonel FRANCIS WILLETT and MARY TAYLOR of Kings Town, Rhode Island

Francis Willett was born on June 25, 1693, probably at Kings Town, Rhode Island. His father, Andrew Willett, died in 1712, and divided the home farm between him and his brother, Thomas.

He married, about 1715, Mary Taylor (d April 17, 1769). In 1722, his brother, Thomas, died and the old home farm, which had been left to both brothers, came into the sole possession of Francis Willett.

In 1725, he inherited from his brother, Thomas, the other half of his father's estate.

> "He was educated as a merchant, but possessing large estates he did not engage in commercial pursuits, but devoted himself to the care of his property. The estate at Boston Neck was a tract extending a mile and a half in one direction and a mile or more in another direction, and was the original seat of the Indian Sachem, Miantonomi. On the Willett farm resided for a time the famous Colonel Whalley, one of the regicide judges who condemned Charles I, to death" (Biographical Cyclopedia of Rhode Island, page 87, 1881)

Francis Willett seems to have been a prominent man in the colony. He was Clerk of the Assembly from 1724 until 1726.

In February, 1736, he was voted £ 20, by the Assembly, toward building a bridge across Queens River, to be paid him on completion.

He was Speaker of the House of Deputies from 1736 to 1739.

On December 2, 1740, he was appointed on a committee to represent and manage the affairs of the colony, before the commissioners who were to hear and determine the boundaries between Rhode Island and Massachusetts (Genealogical Dictionary of Rhode Island, page 429).

> "Francis Willett was Deputy most of the time from 1723 to 1739, and was one of the members of the Redwood Library, which was incorporated that year. Francis Willett's will was proved in 1776. He made his kinsman, Francis Carpenter, his executor, and gives him the home farm, and makes him the residuary legatee." (Cornell, page 251C).

This Francis Carpenter is most likely the son of his aunt Mary (Willett) Carpenter.

Colonel Francis Willett died February 6, 1776. He and his wife are buried in the family burial place on his own farm. There are no known children of Francis Willett and Mary Taylor.

CHAPTER TWO
A SURVEY OF ESSEX COUNTY, AND MIDDLESEX COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS

Newbury and Newburyport are two of the most northern of Massachusetts towns, and are situated on the Merrimac River in Essex County, Massachusetts.

Ipswich is on the Ipswich River, just south of Newbury, and Boxford is further up river from Ipswich. Rowley is situated between the Merrimac and Ipswich Rivers, inland from the Gulf of Maine.

B.1
FRANCIS WILLETT of Newbury, Essex County, Massachusetts

Francis Willett lived in Newbury and "He is supposed to have come from England, but it is not of record. He was in Newbury, Massachusetts, in 1634 and may have been quite young then" (Bookstaver, page 80). From this single fact, we estimate that he was born about 1610, and that he married about 1634. His wife's name is unknown to us at this time. Since Francis Thomas Willett was born in 1635 or 1636, it will be assumed that he is the son of this Francis Willett. This is all conjecture, but Thomas Francis Willett who married Martha Silver can not be supposed to be the Francis Willett of Newbury who was very young in 1634.

1. Francis: b 1635; m December 20, 1669, Martha Silver; d after 1697. See next B.1.1.

B.1.1
FRANCIS WILLETT and MARTHA SILVER of Newbury, Essex County, Massachusetts

Thomas Francis Willett was born in 1635 or 1636, possibly at Newbury, Essex County, Massachusetts. The references to his birth do not say he was born in New England, only that his birth occurred in 1635 or 1636.

Francis Willett married at Newbury, Essex County, Massachusetts, on December 20, 1669, Martha Silver, the daughter of Thomas Silver. All of their children were born at Newbury (Bookstaver, page 80).

Francis Willett, aged 43, took the oath of allegiance in Newbury in 1678 (Records of the Quarterly Courts of Essex County, Volume VII, 1678-1680) "Francis Willett, aged about fifty years, and Chuza, a negro" testified before a court assistant, Jo: Woodbridge, on 30 September 1684, concerning property owned by a Mr. Dole" (Records and Files of the Quarterly Courts of Essex County, Volume IX, 1683-1686). In April 1697, Francis Willet along with 23 others "objected to the continuance of the meeting house on the plains, and wished to have it moved to Pipestave Hill" (Newbury, Newburyport, and Westbury, Collins, page 164).

He died after 1697.

1. Martha: b February 24, 1670, at Newbury, Essex County, Massachusetts.

2. Francis: b February 22, 1671, at Newbury, Essex County, Massachusetts; m at Newbury January 29, 1695/96 Eliza Lowle. See next B.1.1.2.

3. Sarah: b January 29, 1673, at Newbury, Essex County, Massachusetts; possibly the same Sarah Willett who was baptised on October 29, 1676.

4. Joseph: b May 11, 1674, at Newbury, Essex County, Massachusetts; m May 15, 1705, Elizabeth Jackman (d after 1739). See next B.1.1.4.

5. (daughter): b December 5, 1678, at Newbury, Essex County, Massachusetts; possibly died young.

6. William: b February 12, 1681, at Newbury, Essex County, Massachusetts.

7. Thomas: b December 24, 1682, at Newbury, Essex County, Massachusetts.

8. Hannah: b December 15, 1685, at Newbury, Essex County, Massachusetts.

9. John: b July 9, 1687, at Newbury, Essex County, Massachusetts.

B.1.1.2
FRANCIS WILLETT, Jr., and ELIZABETH LOWLE
of Newbury, Essex County, Massachusetts

Francis Willett, Jr., was born February 22, 1671, and raised in Newbury. He married at Newbury on January 29, 1696, Elizabeth Lowle, the daughter of Sergeant Benjamin Lowle. All their children were born at Newbury.

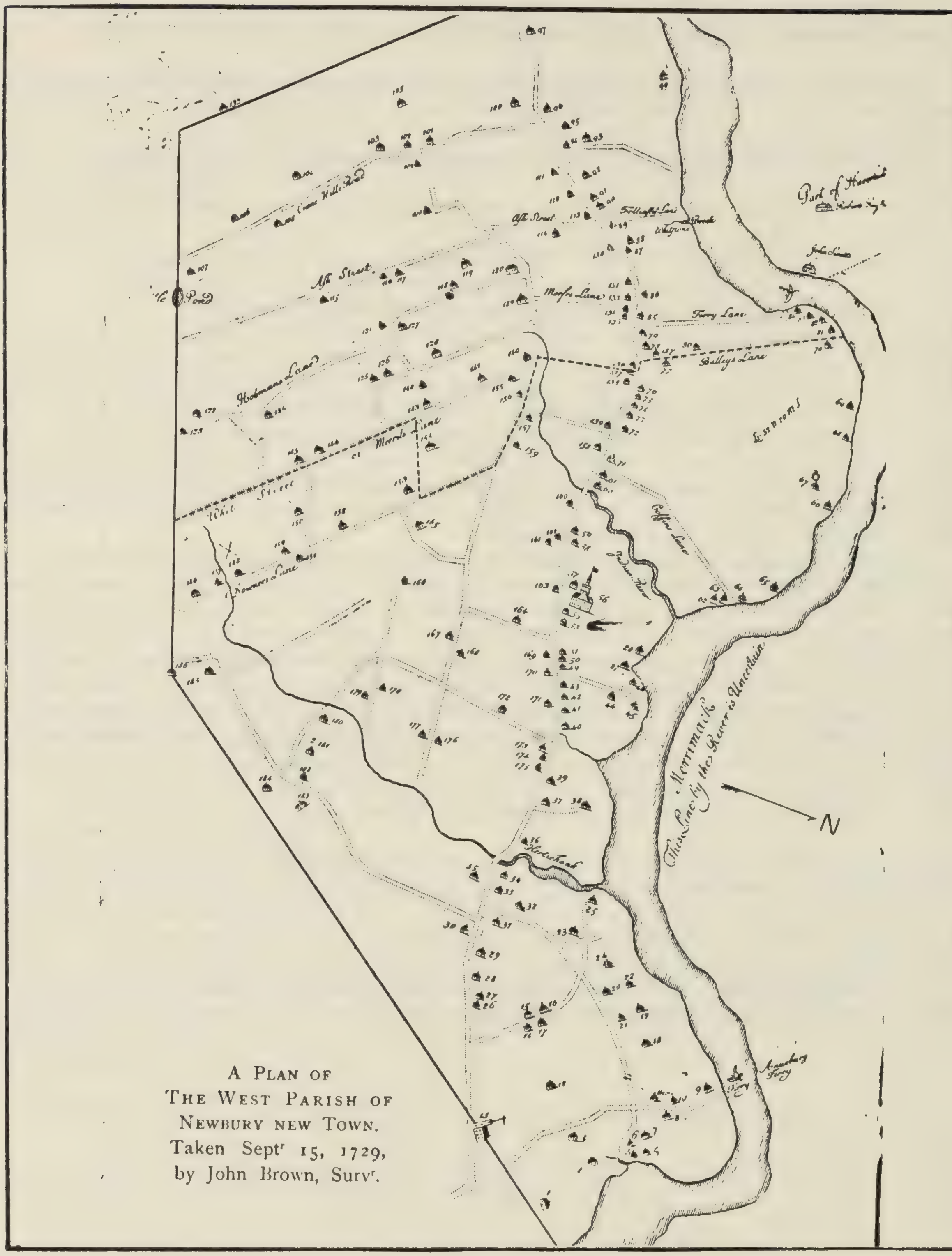
In 1706, it was voted "that ye inhabitants of ye west end of the Town of Newbury will build a new meeting house of fifty-four feet in length and thirty-four feet in breath. And sett ye sd house upon Pipestave Hill att ye westernly corner of Francis Willett, his lott" (Ould Newbury, page 369). The meeting house was begun by May 10, 1709 when Judge Sewell recorded in his diary that he "visited cousin Jacob Toppan and laid a stone in the foundation of ye meeting house at Pipe Stave hill" (Ould Newbury, page 369). Francis Willett's lot was labelled as lot number 54 in the "Plan of the West Parish of Newbury Town" taken September 15, 1729 by John Brown, Surveyor" (Ould Newbury, page 393). See the plan of the West Parish of Newbury New Town on the next page.

1. Mary: b September 20, 1698, at Newbury, Essex County.

2. Judith: b May 20, 1702. (Possibly the Judith Willett who married at Newbury on June 23, 1730 Ebenezer Whitcher.

3. Ruth: b May 2, 1704, at Newbury, Essex County.

4. Hannah: b March 15, 1706, at Newbury, Essex County. Possibly the same Hannah Willit who m at Newbury in December, 1728, John Gourdin.



A PLAN OF
THE WEST PARISH OF
NEWBURY NEW TOWN.
Taken Sept^{r} 15, 1729,
by John Brown, Surv^{r}.

B.1.1.4

JOSEPH WILLETT and ELIZABETH JACKMAN of Newbury, Essex County, Massachusetts

Joseph Willett was born at Newbury, Massachusetts, on May 11, 1674. He married at Newbury on May 15, 1705, Elizabeth Jackman (d after February 15, 1739).

1. Joseph: b May 8, 1707, at Newbury; m December 4, 1728, Lydia Bishop; d 1781. See next B.1.1.4.1.

2. John: b October 13, 1709, at Newbury; m abt 1730 Elizabeth; d 1738. See next B.1.1.4.2.

3. Benjamin: b February 2, 1712, at Newbury, Essex County, Massachusetts; October 4, 1748, Martha Carr; d April 5, 1760. See next B.1.1.4.3.

4. Nathaniel: b September 5, 1715, at Newbury, Essex County, Massachusetts; m at Newbury on January 25, 1736, Joanna Fosdick; d April, 1784. See next B.1.4.4.

5. Daniel b May 8, 1721, at Newbury, Essex County, Massachusetts.

6. Mary: b November 9, 1724, at Newbury, Essex County, Massachusetts. (Possibly died young).

7. Mary: b August 7, 1726, at Newbury, Essex County, Massachusetts.

B.1.1.4.1

JOSEPH WILLETT and LYDIA BISHOP of Newbury, Essex County, Massachusetts

Joseph Willett, Jr., was born on May 8, 1707, in Newbury. He married at Newbury on December 4, 1728, Lydia Bishop. He died late in 1781. The estate of a Joseph Willett, who died intestate, is administered by John Hale, Benjamin Plumer, and Paul Plumer, all yeomen, on January 8, 1782.

1. Lydia: bp August 26, 1759. Possibly the same Lydia Willett who married on September 10, 1778, Benjamin Willett.

2. Hannah: bp August 23, 1761, at Newbury, Essex County. Possibly the Hannah Willett who m at Newbury on July 1, 1780, William Hawkins.

B.1.1.4.2

*JOHN WILLETT and ELIZABETH of Newbury, Essex County, Massachusetts

John Willett was born at Newbury on October 13, 1709. He married Elizabeth about 1730? John Willett died in 1739. Joseph Willett, his brother, is given the guardianship of John Willett's children, John and Joanne, in this same year.

> Will of John Willett of Newbury, dated February 15, 1738/39. It "gives and bequeaths to my son John Willett my Dweling (sic) house and the land ajoying (sic) and all my land and meadow and flats ... in the

Town of Newbury, he my Said Son paying to his uncle Nathaniel Willett five pounds: after my mother's decease. And he my Son paying my dafter (sic) Joanne Willet the Sum of fifty pounds in money; the money be accounted as it now is and to be paid when the Estate comes into his possession, and I give him my gun."

He left to his wife, Elizabeth, all his moveable estate, and names her the sole executor. Witnessed by Samuel Plumer, Joseph Islop, Jr., and Joseph Lunt.

1. Joanna: b abt 1730? Possibly the Joanna Willett who married at Newbury on December 1, 1761, Mark Plumer.

2. John: b abt 1732?

B.1.1.4.3
Dr. BENJAMIN WILLETT and MARTHA CARR
of Newbury and Rowley, Essex County, Massachusetts

Dr. Benjamin Willett was born on February 2, 1712 in Newbury. He married at Salisbury, Essex County, on October 4, 1748, Martha Carr. He died on April 5, 1760, of nervous fever at the age of 48 (Newbury Deaths, page 751).

All his children were baptised on the same day after his death (Newbury Births, page 546; Rowley Births, page 232; Rowley Marriages, page 428).

1. Elizabeth: b November 5, 1750, at Rowley, Essex County, bp October 19, 1760 at Newbury.

2. Benjamin: b September 20, 1753, at Rowley, Essex County, bp October 19, 1760, at Newbury; m September 10, 1778, Lydia Willett. See next B.1.1.4.3.1.

3. Sarah: b June 20, 1756, at Rowley, Essex County, bp October 19, 1760 at Newbury.

4. Mary: b January 1, 1760, at Rowley, Essex County, bp October 19, 1760.

B.1.1.4.3.1
BENJAMIN WILLETT and LYDIA WILLETT
of Newbury and Rowley, Essex County, Massachusetts

Benjamin Willett was born in Rowley, Essex County, on September 20, 1753. He married at Newbury on September 10, 1778, Lydia Willett (Newbury Marriages, page 513). Possibly Lydia Willett was his 1st cousin, the daughter of his uncle Joseph.

Perhaps he is the Benjamin Willett of Newbury who served in the Continental Army from March 31, 1777, until May 9, 1778, and July 8, 1780, until December 19, 1780; there are other service records for a Benjamin Willett which all may refer to the same person.

(Newbury Births, page 545).

1. Ann: b September 6, 1778, at Haverhill, Essex County. (She may not be the daughter of this Benjamin Willett).

2. Molly: bp August 1, 1779, at Newbury.

3. Eliza: b 1796; d January 4, 1818, at the age of 22 years, 7 months, and 22 days, of typhus fever.

4. John: b 1798; d August 3, 1824, at the age of 26.

B.1.1.4.4
NATHANIEL WILLETT and JOANNA FOSDICK of Newbury, Essex County, Massachusetts

Nathaniel Willett was born September 5, 1715 (Newbury Births, page 545). He was raised at Newbury. Nathaniel married at Newbury on January 25, 1736, Joanna (Hannah) Fosdick. A Nathaniel Willett has an "improved garden spot" mentioned in a document dated February 28, 1766, which describes the laying out of a "way for the use of the town" (Ould Newbury, page 612). This is most likely the same lot with a house and chimney sketched on a 1771 map of the town (Ould Newbury, page 610).

Joanna (Hannah) Willett, was buried on March 9, 1754, in Newbury.

At some point Nathaniel moved a few miles north to Newburyport on the Merrimac River. Perhaps he did soon after the Revolution began; he was 55 when the sketch was made noting his house in Newbury. His son, Daniel, had lived in Newburyport since before 1764. Nathaniel Willett died in April, 1784, at age 70 in Newburyport (Newburyport Deaths, page 832). Perhaps he was living with his son, Daniel of Newburyport, when he died.

1. Daniel: b September 7, 1737, in Newbury; m Catherine about 1762? See next B.1.1.4.4.1.

2. Joshua: b March 22, 1738, in Newbury; possibly d.y.

3. Nathaniel: b abt 1745; d after 1778. See next B.1.1.4.4.3.

4. Joanna: bp September 14, 1753 in Newbury.

5. Joshua: bp June 1, 1754.

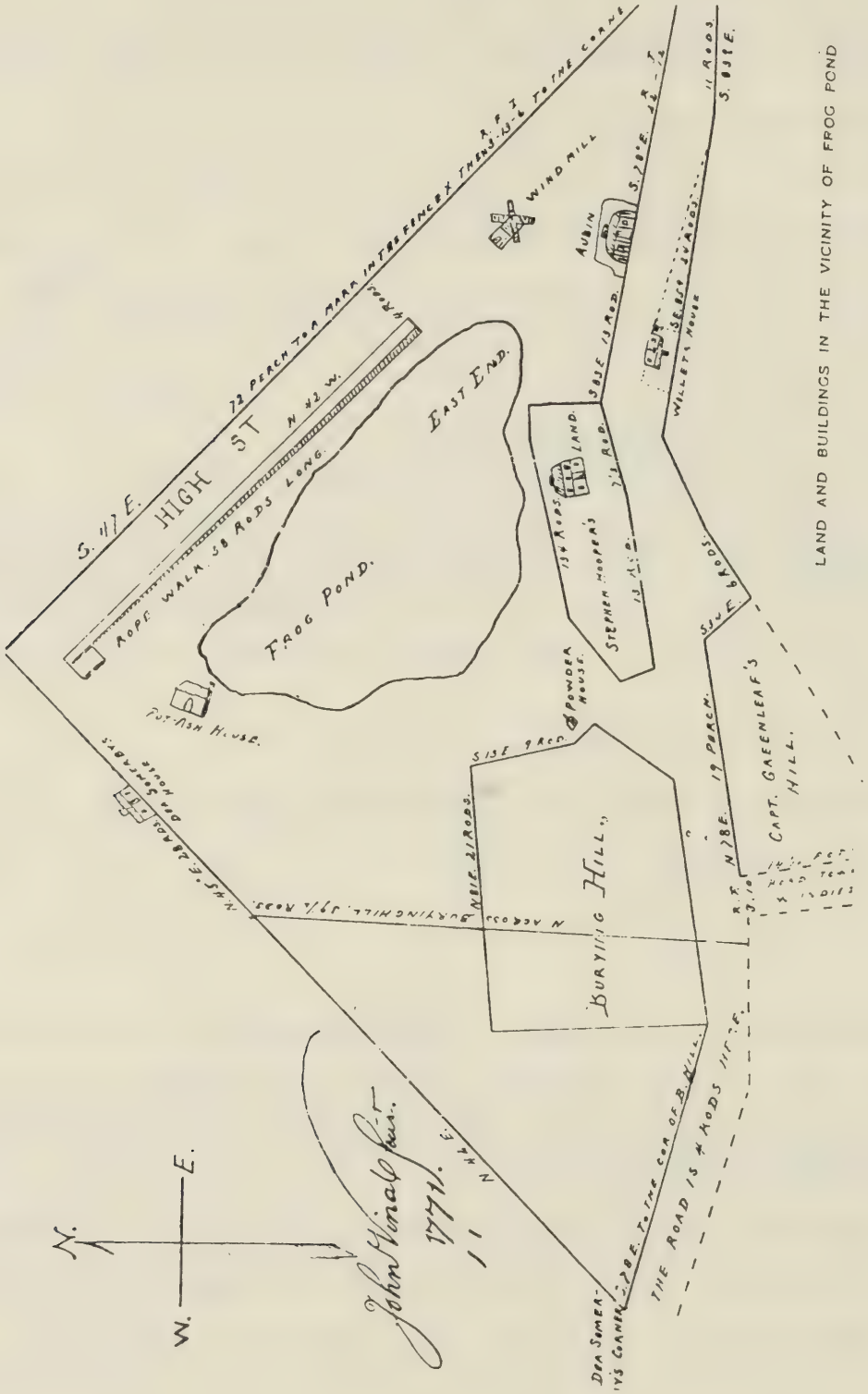
B.1.1.4.4.1
DANIEL WILLETT and CATHERINE of Newburyport, Essex County, Massachusetts

Daniel Willett was born in Newbury on September 7, 1737. He married Catherine about 1762? They lived in Newburyport and their children were born there. (Newburyport Births, page 415). Daniel probably died after 1775; his wife most likely died in September, 1775 (Newburyport Deaths, page 833).

1. Benjamin: b January 3, 1764, at Newburyport, Essex County, Massachusetts.

2. Joshua Chase: b February 12, 1766, at Newburyport, Essex County, Massachusetts.

3. William: bp July 31, 1768, at Newburyport, Essex County, Massachusetts.



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4. (child): d 1769.

5. Alice: bp July 22, 1770, in Newburyport, Essex County, Massachusetts.

6. Thomas: bp March 9, 1777, in Newburyport, Essex County, Massachusetts.

7. (child) d September 1778.

B.1.1.4.4.3
NATHANIEL WILLETT of Newburyport, Essex County, Massachusetts

Nathaniel Willett was born about 1745. There is no evidence in the records of this particular Nathaniel. However, he is tenatively placed in this family because the following records are unlikely to belong to the father.

In a "List of men raised to serve in the Continental Army from 2d Essex County regiment as returned by Maj. Ralph Cross" was Nathaniel Willett of Newburyport, engaged for same (Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the War of the Revolution, page 409).

A Nathaniel Willett joined Captain Moses Greenleaf's company, Colonel Ebenezer Francis' regiment for a term of 3 years.

He was a private in Captain Greenleaf's company, Colonel Benjamin Tupper's regiment. Continental pay accounts show he had service from March 3, 1777, until February 10, 1778, when he was reported as having died.

B.2
JOHN WILLETT and MARY NOYES of Newbury

John Willett was born about 1735 probably at Newbury, Massachusetts. He married at Newbury, Massachusetts, on November 1, 1759, Mary Noyes (d July 26, 1804, at Ipswich). He died before his wife, and possibly on January 21, 1804.

1. John: bp September 28, 1760; m abt 1785 Susan; lived at Beverly, Essex County. See next B.2.1.

2. Moses: bp October 31, 1762, at Newbury; probably died young.

3. Moses: bp May 19, 1776; m at Ipswich May 24, 1804, Martha Fellows. See next B.2.3.

4. Silas Noyes: chr April 23, 1780, at Boxford, Essex County; possibly the Silas who died at Ipswich from a "fall from a tree" on September 22, 1793.

B.2.1
JOHN WILLETT and SUSAN of Beverly, Essex County, Massachusetts

John Willett was baptized on September 28, 1760. He married about 1785 Susan. They lived at Beverly, Essex County. Beverly is south of Cape Ann and across a small bay from Salem, Massachusetts.

1. John: b February 11, 1803, at Beverly, Essex County, Massachusetts.

2. Susan: b February 6, 1808, at Beverly, Essex County.

B.2.3

MOSES WILLETT and MARTHA FELLOWS of Ipswich, Essex County, Massachusetts

Moses Willett was born on October 31, 1762, at Newbury. He married at Ipswich on May 24, 1804, Martha Fellows, and they lived at Ipswich, Essex County. Ipswich is in Essex County and on the Ipswich River just south of Newbury.

Moses died May 12, 1819, at Ipswich (age 43; sic). Perhaps it was his widow, Mrs. Martha Willett, who married at Ipswich on April 34, 1834, Captain Jeremiah Kimball.

(Ipswich Marriages, page 459; Ipswich Births, page 397).

1. Levi: b September 17, 1805, at Ipswich, Essex County; m at Ipswich on August 28, 1832, Julia Ann Potter. See next B.2.3.1.

2. George: b August 25, 1807, at Ipswich; m at Ipswich on December 9, 1830, Mary Hodgins. See next B.2.3.2.

3. Martha: b December 1, 1809, at Ipswich, Essex County, Massachusetts; m at Ipswich April 15, 1830, Joshua Lord.

4. Mary: b August 17, 1812, at Ipswich.

6. John: b October 7, 1817, at Ipswich, Essex County, Massachusetts; m abt 1850 Adeline; lived in Lynn in 1850.

7. Moses: b March 13, 1819, at Ipswich.

B.2.3.1

LEVI WILLETT and JULIA ANN POTTER of Ipswich, Essex County, Massachusetts

Levi Willett was born on September 17, 1805, at Ipswich, Essex County. He married at Ipswich on August 28, 1832, Julia Ann Potter.

(Ipswich Births, page 397; Ipswich Deaths, page 713).

1. Julia Potter: b May 28, 1833; d February 17, 1834, age 9 months.

2. Edward: b November 8, 1834, at Ipswich, Essex County; d November 25, 1834, age 2 weeks.

3. Wallis Potter (William): b July 21, 1836, at Ipswich, Essex County.

4. Julia (twin): b April 12, 1840; d May 3, 1841, age 1 year.

5. Lydia (twin): b April 12, 1840; d May 3, 1841, age 13 months.

6. Charles Symmes: b October 6, 1843, at Ipswich, Essex County; d August 13, 1845.

B.2.3.2
GEORGE WILLETT and MARY HODGKIN of Ipswich, Essex County, Massachusetts

George Willett was born at Ipswich on August 25, 1807. He married at Ipswich on December 9, 1830, Mary Hodgkin (b 1810). George was a trader.
(Ipswich Births, page 392; Ipswich Marriages, page 459; 1850 Ipswich, Essex County, Massachusetts, census).

1. George Albert: b July 1, 1832, at Ipswich. (1850 Ipswich, Essex County, Massachusetts, census).

2. Mary Eliza: b April 14, 1837, at Ipswich. (1850 Ipswich, Essex County, Massachusetts, census).

B.3
NATHANIEL WILLETT and MEHETABLE NICHOLS
of Newbury, Essex County, Massachusetts

Nathaniel Willett was born about 1725? He may have married first at Newbury on November 11, 1747, Johannah Timmons. He married at Newbury, Essex County, on June 4, 1754, Mehetable Nichols.

1. Nathaniel: b March 17, 1757, at Newbury.

2. John: b February 4, 1760, at Newbury.

3. Mehetable: b February 24, 1762, at Newbury; m at Newbury May 26, 1776 Timothy Hidden.

4. Elisabeth: b July 22, 1764, at Newbury.

B.4
JOHN WILLETT of Newburyport, Essex County, Massachusetts

John Willett lived in Newburyport and had been born about 1740? (Newburyport Births page 414).

1. Elisabeth: bp March 15, 1767, at Newburyport. Possibly the Elizabeth Willett of Newbury who marries on January 10, 1779, John Curvill (Carroll in intentions).

2. John: bp April 4, 1773 at Newburyport.

3. Molly: bp June 2, 1765, at Newburyport.

4. Sarah: bp October 8, 1769, at Newburyport.

B.5
JOHN WILLETT and SUSANNAH APPLETON of Ipswich, Essex County, Massachusetts

John Willett was born about 1780. He married at Ipswich, Essex County, Massachusetts, on June 23, 1803, Susannah Appleton.

1. John: b February 11, 1805, at Beverly, Essex County, Massachusetts.

B.6
JAMES WILLETT and HANNAH HAY of Stoneham, Middlesex County, Massachusetts

James Willett of Stoneham, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, was born in 1720. He married in Stoneham, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, on December 10, 1741, Hannah Hay.

Stoneham is approximately eight miles north of Boston. Since he lives so close to Boston, perhaps he is related to one of the Boston families. (Bookstaver, page 78).

1. James: b 1744 in Stoneham, m abt 1770 Hannah. See next B.6.1.

2. Hannah: b abt 1745.

B.6.1
JAMES WILLETT and HANNAH of Stoneham, Middlesex County, Massachusetts

James Willett was born in 1744 in Stoneham, Massachusetts. He married about 1770 Hannah. (Bookstaver, page 78).

1. Ephraim: b abt 1790; m abt 1810 Mary. See next B.6.1.1.

2. Mary: b 1797.

3. Sukey: b 1798.

B.6.1.1
EPHRAIM WILLETT and MARY of Stoneham, Middlesex County

Ephraim Willett was born about 1790. He married about 1810 Mary. (Bookstaver, page 78). They resided in Stoneham, Middlesex County, Massachusetts.

1. Sally: b 1813.

2. Ephraim: b 1816.

3. Polly: b 1819.

4. John: b 1822.

CHAPTER THREE
A SURVEY OF SUFFOLK COUNTY, AND NORFOLK COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS

Walpole is located on the Neponset River approximately 15 miles south of Boston; Dedham is just to the southwest of Suffolk County.

C.1
ANDREW WILLETT and SUSANNAH HOLBROOK of Boston, Suffolk County

Andrew Willett was born about 1653, possibly in the New World. (His age is approximated from the 2 depositions he gave in 1696, and 1718).

About 1668, he was a servant to Mr. Humphrey Davie of Boston. However, because of his knowledge of Kenebec, he must have served his apprenticeship at Swan Island, in the Kenebec River (Record of Court of Assistants, Massachusetts Bay). It is interesting to note that Captain Thomas Willett of Plymouth also had interests at Kenebec. Captain Willett was there in the late 1630s and most likely had a trading interest in Kenebec as late as the 1660s. He most likely served Mr. Davie's for 7 years until he was 21 (in 1675).

Nothing is known of his life between 1668 and 1681 when he has returned to Boston. It is also strange that this Andrew Willett would wait until he was 40 to marry. There is always the possibly that he had married prior to 1681 and that no record has yet been found of a first wife or children.

It had been supposed that in 1685, Andrew Willett had gone to Rhode Island, and from there to the sea. The Genealogical Dictionary of New Hampshire makes him the son of Captain Thomas Willett of Plymouth and Swansea. However, there are two different Andrew Willetts, and the record of their lives show that they can nor possibly be the same individual. (See Chapter One for Andrew Willett of Rhode Island, the son of Captain Thomas Willett). The Andrew Willett that we are dealing with here is definitely not the Andrew Willett who was a resident of Rhode Island in 1685 (and later), and the son of Captain Thomas Willett of Plymouth.

Andrew Willett is listed in the Tax Lists of Boston in 1681, 1685, 1687, 1688, and 1695. In 1691 he is listed as living at Lynn Wadsworth (First Report of the Record Commissioner of the City of Boston, 1881).

On March 6, 1694, he married Susannah Holbrook of Braintree and they lived in Boston, Massachusetts. She was the daughter of Thomas Holbrook and Joanna.

On April 21, 1696, there is a deposition (on file at the Suffolk Registry of Deeds, Boston) regarding the boundaries of the land of Thomas Gyles at Kenebec River in 1668. Andrew states that he is now 42 years of age. (It is interesting to note that Andrew the son of Captain Thomas Willett of Plymouth was born in 1655, and it is of further interest to note that Captain Thomas Willett was in charge of the Plymouth trading post at Kenebec, which is where Thomas Gyles' land was located).

The following entries may pertain to this Andrew Willett and are from the Eleventh Report of the Record Commissioner, Records of the Boston Selectmen, 1701-1715.

> October 11, 1704, Andrew Willett was chosen "by ye Select Men ... Corders of the wood" (page 41).
>
> January 21, 1706, Andrew Willett "Chosen by Select Men to serve as a Select Watch in this town during such time his Excellency the Governor shall be pleased to order the suspending of a Military watch being present whose names as followeth ... they accepted ... Andrew Willett

to be paid 40 shillings per month" (page 55).

One memorandrum concerning him in the tax list of June 26, 1707, contains the reference "W" which was supposed to refer to widow, but this can not be the proper meaning of the reference for the reason that there is a deposition by him filed in July, 1718. There is a listing for the "widow, Andrew Willet, 1 poll, rents 400, landlord: Mr. Allin, Minister (Tenth Report of the Record Commissioner). Perhaps this is referring to "widower" since there is no record of any births in the family after 1704.

The last mention of Andrew Willett occurs in July, 1718. He makes another deposition concerning the boundaries of some lands held by Thomas Gyles at Kenebec River in 1668. This deposition states that he was then 67 years of age, and was fifty years ago a servant (actually "apprentice") to Humphrey Davie of Boston. Andrew was serving his apprenticeship at Kenebec River at the Farm in Swan Island and then he goes on to describe the boundaries of the lands held by Thomas Gyles.

(Twenty Fourth Report of the Record Commissioner, Boston Births, 1700-1800).

1. Sarah: b May 5, 1695, at Boston, Massachusetts, (History of the Second Church in Boston, 1856, page 289).

2. Andrew: b October 18, 1698, at Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, (History of the Second Church in Boston, 1856, page 289); m 1st at Boston on October 25, 1705, Rebecca Bushnell; m 2d at Boston on November 18, 1719, Martha Hamon; d after 1724. See next C.1.2.

3. Mary: b November 18, 1701, at Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, (History of the Second Church in Boston, 1856, page 289); she was married by the Worshipful Nathaniel Hubbard, Esquire, on August 3, 1721, to Jeremiah Day of Dedham.

4. Joseph: b May 1, 1704, at Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, (History of the Second Church in Boston, 1856, page 289); m June 10, 1733, Lydia Foster. See next C.1.4.

C.1.2
ANDREW WILLETT of Boston, Suffolk County

Andrew Willett was born on October 18, 1698, at Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, (History of the Second Church in Boston, 1856, page 289). Andrew married 1st on October 25, 1705, Rebecca Bushnell. Mr. James Allen was the minister (Boston Marriages from 1700 to 1751, 1898, page 17).

He married 2d at Boston on November 18, 1719, Martha Hamon (Boston Marriages from 1700 to 1751, 1898, page 98). The birth dates of his children are taken from the Twenty Fourth Report of the Record Commissioner, Boston Births, 1700-1800.

"Voted 1713/14, that Andrew Willett be dismissed from service of Ringing ye Bell, and digging graves at ye North" (page 198).

This Andrew died after 1727.

1. Susanna: b October 18, 1727, at Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts. She is possibly the Susannah Willett who marries at Boston on February 11, 1744, Edward Holcomb (Boston Births 1700-1800, page 168).

2. Andrew: b October 16, 1725, at Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts.

3. Joseph: b February 3, 1726/27, at Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts.

C.1.4
JOSEPH WILLETT and LYDIA FOSTER of Walpole, Norfolk County

Joseph Willet (variously spelled Willett and Willit in the early documents of Walpole) was born on May 1, 1701. He must have been raised in Boston. His name first appears on the Walpole, Massachusetts Tax List in 1729.

He married on June 10, 1733, at Walpole, Massachusetts, Lydia Foster (b August 24, 1709), the daughter of Samuel and Margery Foster. (Vital Records of Walpole, Massachusetts to 1850, "Births", pp 81-82; "Marriages", p 185).

Perhaps this is the Joseph Willett who arrived in Boston from Nova Scotia on November 12, 1765, on board the sloop Lucy (Early History of Boston, 1900, page 273). This is only speculation; however, his grandchildren often lived in Nova Scotia, and it is possible that the family connection with Nova Scotia went back to Andrew's day.

Joseph Willett, Senior, lived through an interesting and exciting period of American history. But, except for the fact that he lived at Walpole, nothing else is known.

The will of Joseph Willett was drawn on January 30, 1782.

"In the name of God, Amen. I, Joseph Willet, of Walpole in the County of Suffolk and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Yeoman, being weak in Body, yet of sound understanding and memory, Do constitute this my last will and Testament, and Desire it to be received by all as such:

Imprimis: I most humbly bequeath my soul to God my Maker beseeching his most Gracious acceptance of it, thro the all sufficient merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, who I trust will not reject me a returning sinner, when I come to him for Mercy in this Hope and Confidence. I render up my soul to God, beseeching him to Prepare me for the time of my dissolution and then take me to himself into that Incomparable felicity which he has Prepared for those that Love and fear his Holy Name.

Imprimis: I give my Body to the Earth from whence it was taken in full assurance of its resurrection from thence at the Last Day: as for my Burial, I desire it may be decent which I leave to the Discretion of my dear Wife, and my Executor hereafter named, who I doubt not will manage it with all requisit Prudence. As to my wordly Estate, I will and Positively order all my just Debts be Paid.

Item: I give to my dear and Loving Wife, Lydia Willet, the Improvement of the House I now Dwell in, together with one half of all my Lands as Long as she shall remain my Widow, and also the Improvement of all my Cows and live Stock, together with all my House Furniture or indoor moveables, during her natural live and at her Decease, I order that the live Stock and moveables if any remain, to be given too and equally Divided among my three Daughters hereafter named.

Item: I give to my only and well beloved son, Andrew Willet (whom I constitute Sole Executor to this my last Will and Testament) all my

lands and Buildings whether Particularly mentioned or not Consisting of upland and Meadow together with a lot in the Great Cedar Swamp so called, except the Improvement of the House and one half as above mentioned, all of which I give to my said son and to his Heirs and Assigns forever, he Paying out to my three Daughters the following sums viz:

to my well beloved Daughter Mary Hartshorn: Nine Pounds;
to my beloved Daughter Lydia Marshall: Nine Pounds;
and to my beloved Daughter Phebe Gray (Gay): Thirteen Pounds, Six Shillings and Eight Pence all which Sum shall be in Lawful money of this Commonwealth.

I also give to my said son all my Farming Utensils together with my wearing apparel, he to furnish my said Wife with a Horse or in some way Assist her in going to meeting and other where as she shall have Occasion. In Witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal this Third Day of January Anno Domini One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty One and in the Fifth Year of American Independence.

Joseph Willet (mark)

Signed Sealed and Declared by the Said Joseph Willet for his last Will and Testament in Presence of us:
John Gregory (sworn)
Elizabeth Bullard (absent)
Seth Bullard (sworn)"

1. Lydia (Liddia): b October 17, 1734, at Walpole; she died young at Walpole.

2. Mary: b June 4, 1736, at Walpole; m abt 1760 Hartshorn.

3. Lydia (II): b March 20, 1738, at Walpole, Massachusetts; m at Dedham, Norfolk County, Massachusetts, on April 22, 1761, William Marshall.

4. Phoebe: b June 6, 1740, at Walpole; m 1st 1765 Joseph Kingsbury; m 2d Joseph Gray (Gay).

5. Andrew: b August 30, 1743, at Walpole; m January 25, 1771, Sibbel Hartshorn; he was a Lieutenant in 1783; d October 2, 1811, at Walpole. See next C.1.4.5.

C.1.4.5
ANDREW WILLETT and SIBBEL HARTSHORN of Walpole, Norfolk County

Andrew Willett was born August 30, 1743, (September 6, 1733?) at Walpole, Norfolk County, Massachusetts. Andrew married Sibbel Hartshorn (d July 24, 1833, age 82 at Walpole).

On May 10, 1775, Andrew Willett, a minute man, was paid the sum of 0-14-0, as payment in full (Lewis, page 118). Andrew Willett was a private in the Captain Seth Bullard's Minutemen Company in August, 1775. This company was part of Joseph Read's Regiment.

Willet of Walpole was a corporal in Captain Sabin Man's Company of Minuteman which marched on the alarm of April 19, 1775. He was in service for 12 days (Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the War of the Revolution, page 407). He enlisted May 22, 1775 and served 2 months and 15 days. Later he served as Lieutenant in Captain Joshua Clap's company, Colonel Ephraim Wheelock's regiment commanded by Major Metcalf, and served 24 days at Warwick, Rhode Island on the alarm of December 8, 1776. He was a 2d Lieutenant in Captain Oliver Clap's company, Colonel Benjamin Haw's regiment, and served 1 month and 7 days on a secret expedition to Rhode Island, in September, 1777. On June 7, 1779 Andrew Willett asked permission to resign his commission, and it was so ordered in Council on the same day.

In 1783, "Lieutenant Willett (was to) procure Gins and Men to Raise the Meeting House" (Lewis, page 135). In 1784, Andrew Willett was a constable on Walpole (Lewis, page 134).

> "On November 25, 1788, John Hartshorn, of Walpole, mortgages for £ 15 lawful money paid by Seth Bullard, Esquire, and Andrew Willet, Gentleman, 20 acres of land" at Walpole (Seth Bullard of Walpole, Massachusetts, 1930, page 34).

> "On June 3, 1793, Seth Bullard loaned £ 18 Lawful money to Joel Bullard, the demand note being attested by Andrew Willett. This note was evidently one to his oldest son who was about 22 years old at this time" (Seth Bullard of Walpole, Massachusetts, 1930, page 34).

Andrew died on October 2, 1811. Sibbel Willett died on July 24, 1833, a widow. Both Andrew and Sibbel Willet are buried in the Burying Ground at Main and Kendall Streets, Walpole, Massachusetts (Dedham Historical Register, volume XIII, 1902). Their tombstone(s) are still in existence (1984).

(History of Walpole, Massachusetts, Lewis, pages 79, 84, 118, 126, 134-135; Vital Records of Walpole, Massachusetts to 1850, "Births", pages 81-82; "Marriages", page 185).

1. Aaron: b January 5, 1772, at Walpole; d January 1, 1801; buried in the Burying Ground at Main and Kendall Streets, Walpole, Massachusetts.

2. Joseph: b September 5, 1773, at Walpole; m at Walpole September 18, 1799, Jemima Bullard; d April 11, 1824. See next C.1.4.5.2.

3. Caty: b September 9, 1774, at Walpole; m at Walpole on February 15, 1798, Nathaniel Guild; d March 26, 1861.

4. George: b March 26, 1777, at Walpole; d October 18, 1779; buried in the Burying Ground at Main and Kendall Streets, Walpole, Massachusetts.

5. Sibbell: b December 30, 1779; m June 16, 1802, Jacob Allen.

6. George II: b March 11, 1782, at Walpole, Norfolk County; m 1st at Calais, Washington County, Massachusetts (after 1820 Maine), abt 1805 Mary Ann; m 2d on February 3, 1820, Mrs. Lucy (Bent) Tupper. See next C.1.4.5.6.

7. Oliver: b October 26, 1783, at Walpole; d August 16, 1834, age 51 at Walpole; buried in the Burying Ground at Main and Kendall Streets, Walpole, Massachusetts.

8. Abner: b September 16, 1785, at Walpole; m at Roxbury, Suffolk County on February 25, 1814, Catherine Rhodes. See next C.1.4.5.8.

9. Roland (Rowland): b July 23, 1787, at Walpole; m March 22, 1810, Sophia Clapp. See next C.1.4.5.9.

10. Polly: b April 14, 1790, at Walpole; m June 12, 1814, Joseph Ellis at Walpole; d July 8, 1872.

11. Lewis: b June 2, 1792; m May 6, 1819, at West Newbury, Essex County, Laura Bayly. See next C.1.4.5.11.

12. Newell: b March 11, 1795; d January 6, 1814, in New Orleans, Louisiana; buried in the Burying Ground at Main and Kendall Streets, Walpole, Massachusetts.

C.1.4.5.2
JOSEPH WILLETT and JEMIMA BULLARD of Boston, Massachusetts

Joseph Willett was born September 5, 1773. Joseph married on September 18, 1799, Jemima Bullard, the daughter of Seth Bullard. She was the sister of Jabez Bullard.

They resided in Boston, Massachusetts. He died April 11, 1824. There is a monument in the Old Granary Burying Ground in Boston inscribed:

> "1807. Charles Guild, Joseph Willett and Jabez Bullard's Tomb" (The Pilgrims of Boston, 1856, page 21).

Charles Guild was Jemima (Bullard) Willett's brother-in-law; Jabez Bullard was her brother; and Joseph her husband.

1. Catherine: b 1800; m 1st abt 1820 Charles Tibbetts; m 2d Alfred Allen; d 1856.

2. William: b January 1, 1802; m abt 1830 Elizabeth Tisdale (b 1810; d 1895); d January 31, 1871. See next C.1.4.5.2.2.

3. Maria: b February, 1804; m abt 1825 William H. Howard; d April 21, 1865.

4. Clarissa: b February 3, 1806; m abt 1830 James G. Carney; d May 3, 1856.

5. Eliza: b 1808; m abt 1830 Joseph H. Buckingham; d 1869.

6. Harriet: b September 14, 1810; m abt 1830 Samuel Buell Dean; d January 29, 1894.

7. Charlotte: b 1813; m abt 1835 George Ellis; d 1884.

8. Edward: b June 3, 1815; m 1st abt 1835 Elizabeth O. Parish; m 2d Martha W. Quincy.

C.1.4.5.2.2
WILLIAM WILLETT and ELIZABETH TISDALE of Boston, Massachusetts

William Willett was born January 1, 1802. William married about 1830 Elizabeth Tisdale (b 1810; d February 18, 1895). He died January 31, 1871.

1. Elizabeth Tisdale: b May 1, 1837.

2. Maria Howard: b June 20, 1840.

3. William: b November 24, 1841; d November 1, 1843.

4. Joseph: b July 4, 1847; m Augusta Brown (b 1857; d 1941); d June 22, 1931. See next C.1.4.5.2.2.4.

C.1.4.5.2.2.4
JOSEPH WILLETT and AUGUSTA BROWN

Joseph Willett was born July 4, 1847. Joseph married Augusta Brown (b 1857; d 1941). He died on June 22, 1931.

1. Emily: b July 26, 1878.

2. Ethel: b March 11, 1880.

3. Josephine: b April 16, 1884.

4. William: b July 31, 1885; m November 14, 1909, Evelyn Dresser (b June 21, 1885; d June 12, 1971); d October 6, 1961. See next C.1.4.5.2.2.4.4.

C.1.4.5.2.2.4.4
WILLIAM WILLETT and EVELYN DRESSER

William Willett was born July 31, 1885. William married on November 14, 1909, Evelyn Dresser (b June 21, 1885; d June 12, 1971). He died October 6, 1961.

1. Elizabeth: b March 1, 1911; m November 14, 1933, William Fenniman. Home address: 29 Ten Acre Lane, West Hartford, Connecticutt 06107.

    1. Elizabeth Ann Fenniman: b February 28, 1935.

    2. William Willett Fenniman: b January 29, 1939.

    3. John David Fenniman: b December 16, 1944.

C.1.4.5.6
GEORGE WILLETT of Calais, Washington County, Maine

George Willett was born on March 11, 1782, at Walpole, Norfolk County. He pursued his education in the public schools of Walpole. He went to Nova Scotia as a young man where he began his work as a carpenter, which occupation he continued for the remainder of his life. He spent his whole life in Nova Scotia, except for two years about 1840 when he returned to Walpole.

He married 1st at Calais, Washington County, Massachusetts (after 1820 Maine), about 1805 Mary Ann.

He married 2d on February 3, 1820, Mrs. Lucy (Bent) Tupper. The marriage was performed by the Reverend Stephen Bamford. Lucy Bent had married 1st on May 9, 1816, Lawrence Van Horne Tupper. She was widowed in the same year on October 20, 1816. Margaret Ann Tupper was their posthumous child. She was born March 10, 1817.

George Willett and Lucy (Bent) Willett are buried in the cemetery at Tupperville, Annapolis County, Nova Scotia.

1. George Cooper: b February 25, 1809, in Calais, Washington County, Massachusetts (now Maine); m September 9, 1832, Anna Dunn; d June 5, 1862. See next C.1.4.5.6.1.

2. Elizabeth Ann: b June 13, 1812, in Calais.

3. Susan Amelia: b January 3, 1821, in Calais; m abt 1845 Samuel Gardner; resided at St. John, New Brunswick.

4. Harriet Sophia: b March 20, 1822; m Captain Joseph Pritchard; resided at St. John.

5. Joseph Avard: b July 20, 1826; resided in Nova Scotia.

6. William Fletcher: b January 31, 1830; resided at Tupperville, Annapolis County, Nova Scotia.

7. Sybil Julia: b April 14, 1834; m abt 1855 Edward Fisher; resided at St. John.

8. Lucy Jane: b October 31, 1835; m July 5, 1855, Stephen Edwin Bent; resided in Nova Scotia.

9. Gilbert Ray (twin): b February 6, 1838, in Annapolis County, Nova Scotia; resided in Tuperville, Nova Scotia.

10. Albert DesBrisay (twin): b February 6, 1838, in Annapolis County, Nova Scotia; m December 10, 1867, Lillian E. Brummitt, the daughter of Frank E. and Lucy (Allen) Brummitt; d June 2, 1918. See next C.1.4.5.6.10.

C.1.4.5.6.1
GEORGE COOPER WILLETT and ANNA DUNN
of Calais, Washington County, Maine, and Kentville, Nova Scotia

George Cooper Willett was born at Calais, Maine, on February 25, 1809. Maine was a county of Massachusetts until 1820. Calais is on the St. Croix River and opposite New Brunswick Providence, Canada.

George Cooper Willett married on September 9, 1832, Anna Dunn. She was born on December 6, 1812, at Annapolis (probably Annapolis, Nova Scotia) and died March 6, 1874, at Boston, Massachusetts.

George Cooper Willett died June 5, 1862, at Kentville, Nova Scotia.

1. Joanna: b August 27, 1833, at Annapolis, Nova Scotia; m 30 Mar 1852 Adolphus Horton (b May 26, 1829) the son of Gordon and Louisa (Oakes) Horton. Adolphus Horton was a farmer who resided at Horton, Nova Scotia. Joanna (Willett) Horton died 3 Nov 1861.

    1. Charles Alfred Horton: b September 26, 1854.

    2. David Murray Horton: b February 6, 1858.

    3. Franklin Willett Horton: b December 8, 1860.

    4. Murray Franklin Bishop Horton: b February 6, 1885?

2. George Edward: b September 19, 1836, at Horton; m at Salem, Massachusetts, December 22, 1863, Mary Ellen Clark; an architect; d February 4, 1883, at Kentville, Nova Scotia. See next C.1.4.5.6.1.2.

3. Calvin Allen: b January 28, 1840, at Horton; m December 12, 1861, at Canard, Kings County, Elizabeth Harris; a carpenter; lived at Kentsville; d January 18, 1884. See next C.1.4.5.6.1.3.

4. Mary Elizabeth: b at Horton August 20, 1844; d at Kentville May 17, 1866.

5. John Harvey: b at Horton April 20, 1847; d at Kentville May 17, 1866.

6. Jessie Amelia: b at Kentville September 12, 1849; d at Kentville December 28, 1861.

7. Jennie Lind: b at Kentville December 12, 1861; d at Kentville September 30, 1861.

C.1.4.5.6.1.2
GEORGE EDWARD WILLETT and MARY ELLEN CLARK of Kentville, Nova Scotia

George Edward Willett was born on September19, 1836, at Horton, Nova Scotia. He married at Salem, Massachusetts, December 22, 1863, Mary Ellen Clark. He was an architect.

He died on February 4, 1883, at Kentville, Nova Scotia.

1. Edward Harvey: b September 26, 1869, at Boston, Massachusetts.

2. William Henry: b November 5, 1874, at Boston, Massachusetts.

C.1.4.5.6.1.3
CALVIN ALLEN WILLETT and ELIZABETH HARRIS of Kentville, Nova Scotia

Calvin Allen Willett was born January 28, 1840, at Horton, Nova Scotia. He married on December 14, 1861, at Canard, Kings County, Elizabeth Harris. He was a carpenter who lived at Kentsville, Nova Scotia.

He died on January 18, 1884. He was lost at sea while aboard the steamer "City of Columbia" which wrecked off Martha's Vineyard, Massachussetts on that date.

1. George Edward: b April 19, 1863.

2. Jessie Eliza: b May 4, 1866.

3. James Gordon: b March 10, 1869.

4. Alice Dean: b December 19, 1879; d February 12, 1880.

5. Harriet Dean: b April 10, 1882, at Canning.

C.1.4.5.6.10
ALBERT DESBRISAY WILLETT and LILLIAN E. BRUMMITT
of Walpole, Norfolk County, Massachusetts

Albert DesBrisay Willett was born on February 6, 1838, in Tupperville, Annapolis County, Nova Scotia (now called Annapolis Royal). He is the twin brother of Gilbert Ray.

Albert Willett married on December 10, 1867, Lillian E. Brummitt (b December 10, 1849; d June 1, 1930), the daughter of Frank Ellingsworth and Lucy (Allen) Brummitt of Walpole.

> "In the schools of Nova Scotia, Albert D. Willett pursued his education until he reached the age of sixteen years, when he and his brother returned to Walpole and he became a student in the schools of that city. He pursued his education for two years in Walpole and afterwards accepted a position in a twine factory, where he was employed for thirteen years, gradually working his way upward in that connection. During the succeeding decade he was employed in a carding mill and afterward he took up carpentering and assisted in building the Stone School. He became a janitor of the school and occupied that position for thirteen. Since 1898, he has been engaged in the insurance business. He has been an active and useful life and his entire career has been characterized by fidelity to duty, by indefatigable energy and persistency of purpose...
>
> In his political views Mr. Willett is a Republican, having supported the party since age concerred upon him the right of franchise. Fraternally he is connected with the Ancient Order of United Workmen and his religious faith is that of the Congregational Church, which has always guided him in every relation of life and made him a man whom to know is

> to respect and honor. He has many friends in Walpole, where so many years of his life have been passed, and his course has ever merited the confidence and respect which are uniformly given him" (History of Norfolk County, Massachusetts, 1622 to 1918, 1918, page 225).

He died on June 2, 1918, at Walpole, Norfolk County, Massachusetts.

1. George Franklin: b August 7, 1870, at Walpole, Norfolk County, Massachusetts; of Norwood; by 1918 he was a self made millionaire who owned 23 businesses in Massachusetts and Rhode Island, including the American Felt Company and the Daniel Green Felt Shoe Company; m June 6, 1893, Edith Martha Winslow; d April 13, 1962, age 91, at Walpole, Norfolk County, Massachusetts. See next C.1.4.5.6.1.10.1.

2. Jessie Eaton: b September 18, 1872; m October 10, 1895, at Walpole, Samuel Eugene Bentley, of Walpole; d November 3, 1959, at Walpole.

3. Lucy Allen: b May 18, 1879, at Walpole, Norfolk County, Massachusetts; d July 12, 1885, at Walpole.

C.1.4.5.6.10.1
GEORGE FRANKLIN WILLETT and EDITH MARTHA WINSLOW
of Norwood, Norfolk County, Massachusetts

George Franklin Willett was born on August 7, 1870, at Walpole, Norfolk County, Massachusetts. He resided in Norwood.

He married at Norwood, Norfolk County, on June 6, 1893, Edith Martha Winslow (b May 28, 1872; d April 26, 1943; buried at Norwood Cemetery), the daughter of Francis Winslow and Martha Gilman Fogg Robie.

By 1918 he was a self made millionaire who owned 23 businesses in Massachusetts and Rhode Island, including the American Felt Company and the Daniel Green Felt Shoe Company. His businesses had assets of approximately six million dollars. But, with the war going on in Europe, on June 29, 1918, Willett sought a three million dollar loan for expansion. The loan was arranged through F. S. Mosley and Company, and Kidder, Peabody, and Company, two private banking firms. Willett put up the controlling stock in his two largest firms as collateral. When the note came due, Willett had repaid already repaid $2,200,000.00 of the loan. However, the two banking firms holding his note, foreclosed on the remainder and took control of Willett's two largest firms. Mr. Willett was embittered by this experience, and always thought that the two firms had conspired to defraud him of his fortune and stock. In 1921, Mr. Willett took the firms to court.

> "The 1921 suit charged that Mosley, which was Willett's long time brokerage, and Kidder, Willett's foreign banking firm, conspired together in secret and advised Willett to put up the controlling stock in his two biggest firms as collateral in order to secure the three million dollar loan. In fact, it was never really necessary for Willett to actually put up the stock as collateral, but because of the conspiracy, Willett alleged, he thought in 1918 that he had no other alternative. Meanwhile, Willett charged, Mosley and Kidder began working secretly to bankrupt Willett, to make sure he would not be able to repay the $3

million loan. In one instance, Willett claimed, they bought up notes worth $490,000.00 for $44,500.00 through a fictitious "dummy" corporation, just to tie up Willett's finances. They even filed injunctions against him through the dummy corporation, Willett charged.

Illness on Willett's part complicated the situation, Willett later said, hindering his ability to work things out.

When the $3 million loan finally came due, Willett complained, he had paid back all but $800,000.00. But the complete note had not been met, his financial properties were in shambles, and the two banks banking syndicates moved to take over the two firms, according to Willett" (newspaper article, March 9, 1977).

Another side to the story is told by the Herrick Law Firm in its official history.

"In 1921, George F. Willett, a Boston entrepreneur, brought a suit against Herrick, F. S. Mosley and Company, and Kidder, Peabody and Company which was destined to become a cause celebre. The case grew out of the financial difficulties of Willett who, starting in 1913, and on the basis of two prosperous and solid companies, had by 1918 built an industrial empire but at the expense of having his principal companies much overextended and being much overextended himself. The inevitable reckoning came in 1918 and in his efforts to raise money Willett sold the control of his principal companies to the group later named as defendants in his suit, taking back an option to repurchase at a high premium which option he was unable to exercise. Predictably the suit alleged a conspiracy on the part of the defendants and the Boston banks to ruin Willett.

The case first went to the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts on the defendants' demurrers which was overruled (Willett vs. Herrick, 242 Mass. 471). It was then heard before a judge and jury in the old upstairs courtroom in Dedham. The trial lasted from October, 1923, until December the next year, ending just before Christams, 1924, and resulted in a verdict for Willett in the amount of $10,534,109.07.

In that period, there had been 185 days of actual trial, making it at the time the longest civil case ever tried before a jury in this country. During the trial, one juryman became insane and was removed from the jury, the judge suffered a heart attack and suspended the case several weeks, at least one juryman was married, and several became fathers.

After the verdict came in against the defendants, the case having gone once to the Supreme Judicial Court, went a second time and on March 9, 1927, that court handed down its decision that the defendants' motion for a directed verdict made at the close of the evidence should have been granted and that the case should have been dismissed and not submitted to the jury (Willett vs. Herrick, 258 Mass. 585).

This was not the end, however, of this modern Jarndyce and Jarndyce. The plaintiffs sought to appeal the decision of the Supreme Court of Massachusetts to the Supreme Court of the United States, but the latter declined to take the case.

In 1949, Willett, having with advancing years deteriorated mentally, although he seemed normal enough at a casual meeting, was placed under guardianship as an insane person. In 1955, a lawyer with great imagination brought a suit in Willett's name against the firms of F. S. Moselely and Company, and Kidder, Peabody and Company. Herrick having died earlier was not made a party. The suit claimed that Willett, having been declared insane in 1949, had in fact been insane in 1919 when he signed the general release which had been a crucial document in the earlier case and that, therefore, the release could now be voided and the case retried. After a lower court decision against the plaintiff, the case went for a third time to the Supreme Judicial Court and on March 4, 1958, the Supreme Judicial Court handed down its third decision holding that the case had become res adjudicanta in 1927 and could not now be reopened (Willett vs. Webster, 337 Mass. 98). Thus, 37 years after it was started, the Willett came to its final end" (from a history of Herrick's law firm).

George F. Willett died on April 13, 1962, age 91, at Wellesley, Norfolk County, Massachusetts. He is buried in the Norwood Cemetery at Norwood, Norfolk County, Massachusetts.

1. Martha Winslow: b July 14, 1894, at Norwood, Norfolk County, Massachusetts; resides in Petersburg, Florida; never married.

2. Francis Winslow: b October 19, 1897, at Norwood, Norfolk County, Massachusetts; m on June 22, 1922, in New York City, New York, Katherine Terry Thornton. See next C.1.4.5.6.10.1.2.

C.1.4.5.6.10.1.2
FRANCIS WINSLOW WILLETT and KATHERINE TERRY THORNTON
Dedham, Massachusetts, and New York City, New York

Francis Winslow Willett was born on October 19, 1897, at Norwood, Norfolk County, Massachusetts. He was married on June 22, 1922, in New York City, New York, Katherine Terry Thornton (b November 5, 1900, in Austin, Texas), the daughter of Charles Fitzhugh and Dessie Irene (MacDonald) Thornton.

Francis Willett was a banker. Katherine Terry (Thornton) Willett died on July 1, 1984, at Waban, Middlesex County, Massachusetts ("Quincy Patriot-Ledger" Newspaper, dated July 2, 1984).

1. Thornton Winslow: b December 4, 1928, at Bronxville, New York City, New York; m 1st Sara Mildred Gillette; m 2d at Brookline, Massachusetts, June 29, 1958, Martha Leah Miller (b January 11, 1929, Altoona, Blair County, Pennsylvania), the daughter of David Forney and Rose Emily (Rogers) Miller. Martha had married 1st Kenneth Scott Cassidy. See next C.1.4.5.6.10.1.2.1.

2. Charles McDonald: b January 12, 1932, in New York City, New York; m 1st June 8, 1955, at Cambridge, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, Else Kirchner (b September 5, 1932), the daughter of Ludwig and Karoline (Schaefer) Kirchner; m 2d Nancy Mallory.

1. Margaret Karoline: b February 23, 1957, at Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts.

2. Peter Thornton: b January 5, 1959, at Arlington, Fairfax, Virginia.

3. Andrew Bristol: b November 1, 1960, at Arlington, Fairfax, Virginia.

4. Suzanne Winslow: b March 19, 1965, at Vienna, Austria.

C.1.4.5.6.10.1.2.1
THORNTON WINSLOW WILLETT and MARTHA LEAH MILLER of Brooklyn, New York

Thornton Winslow Willett was born on December 4, 1928, at Bronxville, New York City, New York. After preparing at Avon Old Farms and the Choate School, he attended Harvard College and was graduated in 1950.

Thornton Willett served with the United States Air Force for the next 2 years. He married 1st on May 12, 1952, Sara Mildred Gillette, the daughter of Mrs. C. C. Gillette, of Washington, D. C. They were divorced in 1955.

He married 2d on June 28, 1958, at Brookline, Massachusetts, Martha Leah Miller (b January 11, 1929, Altoona, Blair County, Pennsylvania), the daughter of David Forney and Rose Emily (Rogers) Miller. Martha had married 1st Kenneth Scott Cassidy.

> "Thornton Willett teaches data processing for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Greater New York and has been in the computer field since 1960. He is a community activist, founder and present (1984) Secretary of the Kane Street Block Association, and currently (1982) Republican candidate for the New York State Assembly from the 52th Assembly District in Brooklyn, New York. In 1978, he received a Master's Degree in Management from the Polytechnic Institute of New York."

> "Martha Miller Willett was graduated frm Lasell Junior College in Newton, Massachusetts, and studied at Pennsylvania State College, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and Boston University. A journalist and former editor of several newspapers and company publications, she is currently (1984) Managing Editor of "Technology in Society," an interdisciplinary journal published by Pergamon Press, Inc. She is past Corresponding Secretary of the Cobble Hill Association, and former editor of the CHA publication, "The Courier" (unpublished notes: Martha Miller Willett).

Thornton Willett and Martha Miller reside at 206 Kane Street, Brooklyn, New York, 11231.

1. David Winslow: b September 3, 1960, at Lawrence, Essex County, Massachusetts; d October 27, 1960, at Andover, Essex County, Massachusetts.

2. Georgia Rogers: b August 28, 1962, at Lawrence, Essex County, Massachusetts.

3. Benjamin Charles: b August 3, 1964, at Lawrence, Essex County, Massachusetts.

4. Tamosin Rose: b April 16, 1966, at Lawrence, Essex County, Massachusetts.

C.1.4.5.8
ABNER WILLETT and CATHERINE RHOADES of Roxbury, Suffolk County

Abner Willett was born on September 16, 1785, at Walpole, Norfolk County. He married at Roxbury, Suffolk County, on February 17, 1814, Catherine Rhoades. Roxbury is just south of Boston.
(Roxbury Births, Roxbury Deaths).

1. Charles Andrew: b 14 March 1815 at Roxbury, Norfolk County, Massachusetts.

C.1.4.5.9
ROWLAND WILLETT and SOPHIA CLAPP of Walpole, Norfolk County

Roland (Rowland) Willett was born on July 23, 1787, at Walpole. He married on March 22, 1810, Sophia Clap at Walpole. He was a farmer. His son, Rowland, was a shoemaker. (Vital Records of Walpole Massachusetts to 1850, "Births", pages 81-82, "Marriages", page 185). (1850 Walpole Township, Norfolk County, census).

1. Lydia: b May 25, 1810, at Walpole; m April 28, 1839, Herbert A. Day.

2. Mary: b May 10, 1812, at Walpole; m February 25, 1837, William H. Blodget.

3. George: b October 18, 1814, at Walpole. Perhaps the George Willett of Quincy, Massachusetts in the 1850 census. He married Caroline.

1. Caroline: b 1838.

2. William H: b 1840.

4. Roland: b April 10, 1817, at Walpole; he was a shoemaker. (1850 Walpole Township, Norfolk County, Massachusetts, census).

5. Newell: b March 7, 1819 at Walpole; m September 16, 1846, Olive M. Lawrence at Walpole. See next C.1.4.5.9.5.

6. Harriet: b July 5, 1822, at Walpole; m June 10, 1846, Sylvester Hawes at Walpole.

7. Clarisa: b February 11, 1825, at Walpole; m December 3, 1844, James A, Rhoades. (1850 Walpole Township, Norfolk County, Massachusetts, census).

1. Mary W. Rhodes: b 1846. (1850 Walpole Township, Norfolk County, Massachusetts).

8. Andrew Oliver: b March 22, 1827, at Walpole; a cabinet maker. Possibly the Andrew O. Willett who married at Dedham, Norfolk County, Massachusetts, on January 14, 1856 Sarah Hewins. (1850 Walpole Township, Norfolk County, Massachusetts, census).

C.1.4.5.9.5
NEWELL WILLETT and OLIVE LAWRENCE of Walpole, Norfolk County

Newell Willett was born May 7, 1819. He married on September 16, 1846, Olive M. Lawrence at Walpole. (Vital Records of Walpole, Massachusetts to 1850, "Births", p 182; "Deaths", p 182; "Marriages", p 185).

1. Laurence Newell: b October 9, 1849, at Walpole; d December 8, 1849, age 1 month and 18 days.

C.1.4.5.11
LEWIS WILLETT and LAURA BAYLY of Newburyport, Essex County

Lewis Willett had been born on June 2, 1792, at Walpole, Norfolk County, Massachusetts. He lived in Newburyport, and on April 2, 1819, announced his intention to marry Laura Bayley of Parsons (Newburyport Marriages, page 512). (Newburyport Births, page 414). He married her on May 6, 1819, at West Newbury, Essex County, Massachusetts.

1. Joseph Newell: b July 18, 1825, at Newburyport, Essex County, Massachusetts; at Haverhill, Essex County, on December 17, 1857, Eliza N. Davis.

2. Lewis Andrew: b May 11, 1827, at Newburyport; d September 20, 1828.

3. Laura Ann: b July 21, 1829, at Newburyport.

C.2

WILLIAM WILLETT and MARY FROTHINGTON of Boston, Massachusetts

William Willett of Boston was born about 1680? Evidently, he was born and raised in Boston since his marriage, and the baptisms of his children are all recorded there. It is interesting to note that his children were baptized in the Second Church in Boston. At the same time a Thomas Willett (C.3) and an Andrew Willett (C.1) were members of the same church (History of the Second Church in Boston, 1856, page 289).

William Willett married at Boston on December 25, 1704, Mary Frothington. They were married by the noted Reverend Cotton Mather. (Twenty Fourth Report of the Record Commissioner, Boston Births, 1700-1800).

Perhaps he is the same William Willett who married at Boston on January 30, 1718, Sherlott Holton (Boston Marriages from 1700 to 1751, page 79). If this is true, William Willett probably died before 1723, because, Sherlott Willett married as her 2nd husband at Boston on May 20, 1723, Joseph Greenhill (Boston Marriages from 1700 to 1751, page 113).

1. Mary: b March 15, 1705, at Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts; bp March 17, 1706 (History of the Second Church in Boston, 1856, page 289).

2. William: b July 9, 1707, at Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts; bp July 13, 1707, (History of the Second Church in Boston, 1856, page 289).

3. Mary: b August 31, 1709, at Boston; bp September 4, 1709, (History of the Second Church in Boston, 1856, page 289).

C.3

THOMAS WILLETT and MARY EADES of Boston, Massachusetts

Thomas Willett of Boston was born about 1680? On April 9, 1708, he married at Boston Mary Eades (b 1684). The noted Reverend Cotton Mather performed the marriage ceremony. Mary Eades (Edes) was the sister of Jonathan Edes who married on October 1, 1712, Joanna Willett (see C.9).

It is of interest to note that William Willett (C.2) and Andrew Willett (C.1) were all members of the Second Church of Boston at the same time (i. e., 1700-1720 period).

(Twenty Fourth Report of the Record Commissioner, Boston Births, 1700-1800).

1. Mary: b May 8, 1709, at Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts; bp May 29, 1709, (History of the Second Church in Boston, 1856, page 289).

2. Thomas: bp October 14, 1711, at Boston (History of the Second Church in Boston, 1856, page 289); perhaps he was an infant death.

3. Thomas: b October 7, 1712, and bp October 12, 1712, at Boston (History of the Second Church in Boston, 1856, page 289).

4. Sarah: b April 21, 1714, and bp April 25, 1714, at Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, (History of the Second Church in Boston, 1856, page 289).

5. Martha: bp May 16, 1714, at Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, (History of the Second Church in Boston, 1856, page 289). Possibly the Martha Willett who married at Boston on April 1, 1738, Thomas Parker.

6. Sarah: bp June 17, 1716, (History of the Second Church in Boston, 1856, page 289).

7. John: b September 7, 1716, (History of the Second Church in Boston, 1856, page 289). Possibly the John who married on November 23, 1738, Sarah Hill; the Rev. William Welsted performed the ceremony.

1. John: b June 10, 1740. (Possibly the John Willett who married at Boston on April 4, 1765, Abigail Cox).

8. Stephen: b August 21, 1718. (Boston Births 1700-1800, page 133).

C.4
JOANNA WILLETT and JONATHAN EDES of Boston, Massachusetts

Joanna Willett was born about 1690. She married in Boston on October 1, 1712, Jonathan Edes of Boston (b 1688) (Marblehead Vital Records, Volume I).

1. Johanna Eades: bp July 7, 1717; possibly the Joanna Edes who married on January 9, 1734/35, John Vickery of Marblehead.

2. Martha Eades: bp May 19, 1723.

C.5
JOHN WILLETT and SARAH of Boston, Massachusetts

John Willett was born about 1710. He married about 1735 Sarah. They were residents of Boston.
(Boston Births 1700-1800, page 241.

1. John: b abt 1740; m at Boston on May 27, 1767, Elizabeth Reed of Woburn (Boston Marriages from 1752 to 1809, 1903).

C.6
JOHN WILLETT and DEBORAH WILLIS of Boston, Massachusetts

John Willett was born on June 10, 1760. Possibly, he is the John Willett who married at Boston on May 6, 1784, Deborah Willis (Boston Marriages from 1752 to 1809, 1903).

C.7
JOHN WILLETT and MARY ROBBINS of Boston, Massachusetts

John Willett was born about 1760. He married at Boston on January 23, 1785, Mary Robbins. The ceremony was performed by Reverend Samuel Stillman (Boston Marriages from 1752 to 1809, 1903).

C.8
JOHN WILLETT and DORCAS FELLOWS of Boston, Massachusetts

John Willett was born about 1773. He married at Boston on August 4, 1798, Dorcas Fellows (Boston Marriages from 1752 to 1809, 1903).

C.9
THOMAS WILLETT and MARY of Roxbury, Suffolk County, Massachusetts

Thomas Willett was born about 1815. He married about 1840 Mary. He was living in Roxbury, Suffolk County, when his son was born in 1846.

1. Samuel S: b November 18, 1846, at Roxbury.

CHAPTER FOUR
A SURVEY OF PLYMOUTH COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS

Hanson, Pembroke, Hanover, and North Hanover all lie on or close to the North River in the north central portion of Plymouth County.

Abington, Rockland, West Hanover, South Hanover, and Whitman are all small towns on the northern boundary of Plymouth County.

Bridgewater, East Bridgewater, and West Bridgewater are on the western side of the county and are situated on or close to the Weweantic River. These three clusters of communities form a rough triangle with less than 15 miles between towns.

Rochester is a small town in the southwestern corner of the county and just a few miles from Buzzards Bay.

D.1
THOMAS WILLETT and HANNAH LAMBERTH
of Abington, Plymouth County, Massachusetts

Thomas Willett was born 1742. He married at Hanover on May 11, 1769, Hannah (Anna) Lamberth (b 1736; d February 13, 1818, age 82, at Abington). Thomas died at Abington on October 20, 1792, age 50.

(Abington Births, page 249; Marriages, page 234; Deaths, page 379).

1. Thomas: b January 7, 1770, at Abington; m Mary 3, 1795, at Abington Eunice Turner Stetson.

2. Sarah Hill: b Febuary 17, 1772, at Abington; m April 2, 1794, at Abington Seth Beal of Cohasset.

3. John: b November 9, 1775, at Abington; m at Abington on August 25, 1799, Louisa Hatch. Their marriage was also recorded at Bridgwater and East Bridgewater. See next D.1.3.

4. Isaac: b Febuary 3, 1779, at Abington; d July 14, 1800, age 21, of fever.

5. Anna: b September 12, 1781, at Abington.

D.1.3
JOHN WILLETT and LOUISA HATCH of Pembroke, Plymouth County, Massachusetts

John Willett was born on November 9, 1775, at Abington. He married at Abington on August 25, 1799, Louisa Hatch. Their marriage was also recorded at Bridgewater and East Bridgewater.

About 1801, they moved the 20 miles eastward to Pembroke.

(Systematic History Fund, Vital Records, (Series) Pembroke Births, page 221).

1. Betsey: b March 3, 1800, at Abington. Her birth is also given as Pembroke; possibly the Betsy Willett who married at Hanson on May 26, 1827, Mehrn Bowler.

2. John (II): b February 2, 1802, at Pembroke; m on June 29, 1823, Betsey Randall

Tubbs. See next D.1.3.2.

3. Isaac: b January 19, 1804, at Pembroke; m abt 1828.

    1. Cordelia: b August, 1830, at Hanson.

4. Charles: b October 21, 1809, at Pembroke.

5. Louisa Ann: b February 24, 1812, at Pembroke. Her birth is also given as being at Hanson.

D.1.3.2
JOHN WILLETT and BETSEY RANDALL TUBBS
of Hanson, Plymouth County, Massachusetts

John Willett (II) was born on February 2, 1802, at Pembroke. He married on June 29, 1823, Betsey Randall Tubbs. They lived in Hanson.
(Systematic History Fund, Vital Records, (Series) Hanson Births, page 52).

1. John W: b May 22, 1824, at Hanson.

2. Lousia: b March 7, 1826, at Hanson.

3. Isaac: b September 28, 1827, at Hanson.

4. Betsey B: b August 12, 1829, at Hanson.

5. Lucy Ann: b July 6, 1831, at Hanson.

6. Emeline Holbrook: b September 24, 1833, at Hanson.

7. Henry Call: b June 30, 1835, at Hanson.

D.2

JAMES WILLETT and ELIZA of Rochester, Plymouth County, Massachusetts

James Willett was born about 1800. He married Eliza about 1830, and they lived at Rochester.

Rochester is in the south of the county, nearly on Buzzard's Bay.

(Systematic History Fund, Vital Records, (Series) Rochester Births, page 307).

1. Ann Eliza: b November 3, 1831, at Rochester.

2. James Thomas: b August 22, 1833, at Rochester.

3. Sarah Wing: b November 28, 1835, at Rochester.

4. Josephine Henrietta: b January 23, 1837, at Rochester.

5. Isabella: b June 21, 1840, at Rochester.

6. Ashley Luce B: b April 23, 1843, at Rochester.

CHAPTER FIVE
STONINGTON and HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT

E.1
JOHN WILLETT of Stonington, Connecticut

John Willett who was (supposedly) born in 1591 in Wales, and who (supposedly) arrived in Boston in 1630, is (supposedly) the ancestor of this branch. This tradition is only mentioned for the record. Even if it is true, the John Willett of Wales is unlikely to have been the father of the John Willett who was born about 1650. Perhaps, if the tradition proves true, John Willett of Wales will be found to have been the grandfather of John.

John Willett, of Stonington, Connecticutt, was born about 1650? Nothing is known of where he came from, or whether he was born in the new world or the old. He is often stated as being the son of Captain Thomas Willett of Plymouth and Swansea, but no proof has been found to support such a claim. Captain Thomas Willett's son, John, died (probably in New Amsterdam) on February 12, 1664 (see Chapter One A.1.4.3). Captain Wiletts son, John, had been married only a short while, and did not leave, as far as presently known, a posthumous child.

In 1682, John Willett recorded a cattle mark in Stoningham, Connecticut. Nothing else is known, and he may have died relatively young. Bookstaver has much speculation but no facts. He states that John came from Wales, but does not give a source or reason for this belief. (Bookstaver, page 129).

1. (daughter): b abt 1675? m abt 1693? Jeremiah Blake. Jeremiah Blake lived in New London, Connecticut in 1680; and, in 1681 he recorded a cattle mark. He died in 1694, and the inventory of his property was presented to the Court that year.

The widow of Jeremiah Blake "was the daughter of Mr. Willett, a gentleman of good family, but in youth disgraced herself; afterwards married meanly, for many years wandered from town to town, but was finally maintained by the town."

The widow of Jeremiah Blake died February 18, 1748/49.

2. John: b abt 1690? m 1719 Mary Clark of Groton, Connecticut; d abt 1750? See next E.1.2.

E.1.2
JOHN WILLETT and MARY CLARK of Stonington, Connecticut

John Willett was born abt 1690? He married in 1719 Mary Clark of Groton, Connecticut. He died abt 1750? (Bookstaver, page 131; "Workbooks" of Francis M. Caulkins).

1. Mary: b 1721.

2. John: b 1723, died young.

3. John: b November 26, 1727; m October 4, 1748, Mary Leffingwell (b January 4, 1729; d 1808); d 1819. See next E.1.2.3.

4. Hannah: b March 9, 1729.

5. Mercy: b July 13, 1731; m Andrew Leffingwell (b at Norwich December 12, 1724, d

September 27, 1803) the son of Samuel Leffingwell.

6. Abigail: b May 18, 1735,

E.1.2.3
JOHN WILLETT and ELIZABETH LEFFINGWELL of Stonington, Connecticut

John Willett was born May 1, 1727. He married on October 4, 1748, Elizabeth Leffingwell (b at Norwich June 9, 1729; d February 1, 1818), the daughter of Samuel Leffingham who was from Leffingwell, England.

John Willett became a ship builder and owned one of the three major shipyards on the Thames River, at Norwich, Connecticutt.

John Willett lived in Stonington during the Revolutionary War. There was much raiding between Long Island and Connecticut during the war. John Willett performed patriotic service in Norwich during the Revolution. This patriotic service consisted of building the ships Confederacy of 32 guns, the Oliver Cromwell of 18 guns, and the Governor Trumbull, at Norwich, Connecticutt. (The Governor Trumbull should not be confused with the Trumbull which was also built in Connecticutt at this time).

These ships were used by the American Government during the Revolutionary War. Their service histories are interesting. The first ship to come off the ways was the Oliver Cromwell.

> "Captain Harding was transferred to the Oliver Cromwell, and in June, 1777, captured the brig Medway, with stores; in July, the brigantine Honor, valued at £ 10, 692; and in September, the packet ship Weymouth, carrying 15 guns, and a crew of 50 men. Captain Parker, who had been Harding's Lieutenant, succeeded him in the command of the Cromwell, and April 13, 1778, after a smart action, took the Admiral Keppel, an English letter-of-marque, mounting 18 sixes. Several of Captain Parker's men were wounded; Captain James Day, of the marines, mortally. The prize was sent into Boston, and sold at auction on the 8th of July for £ 22,320.
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> In May, the Oliver Cromwell sailed from New London, and though absent only twelve days, took four prizes and brought in sixty prisoners. But running out again, June 1st, she encountered, June 5th, off Sandy Hook, the British frigate Daphne, and after a sharp engagement of two hours, Captain Parker seeing another vessel come to the aid of the enemy, surrendered. He was soon exchanged, and reached home early in August, with forty-six men" (History of Norwich, pages 403-404).

> "The Governor Trumbull, a privateer carrying 18 or 20 guns, was built at Willett's yard in 1777, for Howland and Coit. She was considered almost a model ship. Her first commander, Captain Henry Billings, had been tested both for gallantry and skillful seamanship, as lieutenant of the brig Defence, and a career of brillant success was anticipated for her. She sailed on her first cruise in November, 1778, and made several small captures, but early the next year went out under the command of Captain Dudley Saltonstall, and meeting with the

British frigate Venus, a vessel of greater size and efficiency, was obliged to surrender. Her captors took her to the West Indies, where she recruited and was sent forth under a changed name and flag to prey upon her former friends" (History of Norwich, page 404).

"The Confederacy, a continental ship of 32 guns, was one of two frigates ordered by the Congress to be built in Connecticutt, under the direction of the Governor and Safety Council. It was constructed at Norwich by Jedediah (sic: it most likely should read, John) Willett, under the superintendence of Major Joshua Huntington, who, as agent for the State, procured materials and workmen. She was built chiefly of "tory-timber;" the oak for her keel having been brought from the confiscated land of William Browne, in Salem, Connecticutt; locust trees for her trunnels were felled on a lot in New London, owned by a Boston Royalist; and planks ffom the confiscated groves of other refugees performed their part in fashioning her hull and laying her deck. She was launched November 8, 1778, and towed down the river on the 30th to be rigged and recruited at New London.

Captain Seth Harding was her first and only American commander of the Confederacy. She was ordered to France, carrying as passengers, Mr. Jay, the American minister, and Count de Gerard, a French envoy, but had not been long out when she encountered a furious gale, in which she rolled over, lost her masts, and though she righted again, was forced to steer for the nearest friendly port in the West Indies to refit.

The following notice is from the "Martincio Gazette" of December 16, 1779:

The Continental Frigate Confederacy, 40 guns, Captain Harding, came into our road. She left Philadelphi October 27, destined for France, met with a gale on the banks of Newfoundland (sic: east of Bermuda, according to Cooper in his Naval History), losts her masts, had six feet of water in her hold, and arrived in the midsts of perils. The Count de Gerard, late minister from the Court of France to the United States, and his Excellency John Jay, who goes to represent the States at the Court of Madrid, were on board.

They (the Ambassors) sailed from Martinico for France November 28, in the French frigate L'Aurore.

The Confederacy refitted at Martinico, and returned home. She was sent next to Cape Francois for clothing and other supplies for the Army and on her homeward voyage, encountered two vessels of the enemy, a ship of the line and a frigate, to which she surrendered June 22, 1781. The British slightly changed her name, calling her the Confederate, and sent her to England as convoy to a fleet of transports, with nearly 100 prisoners on board, consisting chiefly of the crews of two New London privateers which she had taken" (History of Norwich, pages 404-405).

John Willett was also a civil officer during the war years. At a town meeting held in Norwich, Connecticutt, on December 14, 1778, General Jabez Huntington, moderator,

stated that John Willett was chosen one of the surveyors of highways for the ensuing year (Town Meetings, Norwich, Connecticutt, Volume 4, page 168). At a town meeting held in Norwich on July 5, 1780, Mr. John Willett was chosen one of the Inspectors of Provisions (ibid, Volume 4, page 213). These activities establish him as a "patriot" and shipbuilder.

He remained an important ship builder all of his life, and his son, Jedediah, followed in his profession as shipbuilder and became the owner of the Willett Shipyard.

John Willett died on July 3, 1819.

1. Eunice Leffingwell: b October 1, 1749; m March 28, 1771, Eliphalet Edgerton (b March 1, 1749); d 1830. (Bookstaver, page 132).

1. Sarah Gager Edgerton: b May 12, 1773; m William Fanning Brown (b 1771; d February 20, 1829) of New London, Connecticutt; removed with their 5 children to Macon, Georgia; d July 14, 1839.

2. Luther Edgerton: b 1775.

3. Elizabeth Edgerton: b July 11, 1777.

2. Judith: b 1751; d 1851.

3. Philura: b September 30, 1754; m March 8, 1787, Seymore Murray of Norwich, Connecticut; d 1806. (Bookstaver, page 132).

1. John Murray: m Hannah Fuller of Norwich.

2. Elizabeth Murray: m Silas Whipple of Preston.

3. Sarah Murray: m Harvey Hazen of Norwich.

4. Jedidiah Murray:

5. Rebecca Murray: m Jeffrey Champion.

6. Elias Murray: m Nancy Carew of Preston.

7. Sophia Murray: m Samuel Storey.

4. Elizabeth: b April 28, 1757; m Amos Cornian; d 1850.

5. John: b October 25, 1762; m February 20, 1791, Anna Fitch; d 1814. See next E.1.2.3.5.

6. Mary: b May 5, 1765; m Jonathan Truman; d 1842.

7. Jedidiah: b March 9, 1768; m 1st March 26, 1789, Sarah (Frances) Rogers, m 2d Mary Slaunton; d 1850. See next E.1.2.3.7.

8. Hannah: b December 15, 1771, at Norwich, Connecticutt; m October 1, 1795, Septemus Clark (b 1772 at Norwich, Connecticutt; d August 23, 1844, at Norwich); d July 29, 1865.

1. George Willett Clark: b August 15, 1796, at Norwich; d 1844.

E.1.2.3.5
JOHN WILLETT and ANNA FITCH of Connecticut

John Willett was born on October 25, 1762. He married on February 20, 1791, Anna Fitch. He died in 1814. (Bookstaver, page 133).

1. Ashley: b abt 1792.

2. George: b abt 1794.

3. Benjamin: b abt 1795.

4. Charles: b abt 1797.

5. James: b abt 1800.

6. Julia A: b abt 1802; she married 1st in Groton, Connecticut, and 2d in Cincinnati, Ohio.

E.1.2.3.7
JEDEDIAH WILLETT and SARAH ROGERS of Norwich, Connecticut, and Macon, Georgia

Jedediah Willett was born on March 9, 1770. He married 1st on March 26, 1789, Sarah (Francis) Rogers in Norwich, Connecticut. He followed in his father's steps as a shipbuilder, and he was also a ship's captain who sailed in the coast trade.

> "The Truxton was launched at Willett's shipyard, June 6, 1799. This was built on private account, pierced for eighteen guns, and designed both for war and merchandise. She cleared New London, August 9th, and proceeded to New York, where she took cargo for Spain.
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> The brig Suwarrow was built by Willett the same year.
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> The Trumball (II) was a war vessel constructed by Willett for the American Government, which was anticipating a conflict with France, and desireous of raising a navy in the shortest time possible. Joseph Howland was the agent. The keel was laid in September, and the work plied in such haste that labor was not suspended during the Sabbath, and scarcely through the dead hours of night. Willett, in the year 1777, had constructed the continental ship Trumball, and now another Trumbull (II) was to be honored with a namesake, and the launch, which took place November 28th, was graced with the Governor's presence.

The figure-head displayed his image, with his left foot on a cannon, the American flag furled by his side, and a drawn sword in his right hand. She grounded in going down the river, half a league below the town, and it was two days before she again floated. The Trumbull was armed and equipped at New London. She carried eighteen guns, and sailed on her first cruise March 7, 1800, under Captain David Jewett of Montville. (Note: the Trumbull was sold by the Government in May, 1801, for $26,500.

The Oliver Ellsworth, a merchant ship of nearly 400 tons burden, constructed by Willett, was owned principally in New London, and was sent the next spring to St. Petersburg, Joseph Skinner, Master, returning from thence in October, 1801, with a cargo of hemp, duck, and iron" (History of Norwich, pages 595-596).

"The Brig Neptune was launched by Willett in 1801; the keel was laid in April, and the vessel launched the 8th of October" (History of Norwich, page 596).

On November 25, 1810, "Launched by permission on Sunday morning from the yard of Jedediah Willett, a ship of 400 tons, owned by Peter Lanman and others" (History of Norwich, page 596).

"He repaired the English ship Macedonia, which had been captured by the United States man-of-war, the United States, on board of which was his son Jedediah" (Georgia and Florida Sketches, page 849).

He married about 1805 as his 2d wife, Mary Slaunton (b 1771, d 1831) the daughter of Lodovich and Thankful Slaunton. It is unkown why or exactly when he decided to relocate to the inland city of Macon, Georgia. As a ships captain, he would have known the ports of Charleston and Savannah well. Perhaps, after a life-time of New England winters he was ready to enjoy the pleasures of Southern living, and the comfort of the Southern climate.

He supposedly came to Macon, Georgia, about 1805. At least his daughter Frances was born there in 1807. Perhaps, he maintained an interest in the old Willett shipyard long after he removed to Macon. This is the only logical assumption to make since ships were being launched, at least as late as the fall of 1810, from Jedediah Willett's yard.

Jedeidiah Willett died in 1850, and is buried in the Fort Hill Cemetery, Macon, Georgia.

(Bookstaver, pages 133-134).

1. Asher: b 1789; m about 1815 Susan Ray. See next E.1.2.3.7.1.

2. Joseph E: b 1798 in Connecticut; m 1821 Margaret McKay (b in North Carolina); d 1850. See next E.1.2.3.7.2.

3. Caroline: b abt 1800; m Ransom Van Cleef of Matawan, Monmouth County, New Jersey.

4. Lucretia: b abt 1802; m Mulligan of New York.

5. Jedediah: b abt 1805; m Mary Adgate; d 1827. See next E.1.2.3.7.5.

6. Frances: b 1807 in Macon, Georgia; m Joseph Rose; d 1893.

7. Mary A: b abt 1808 in Macon, Georgia; m Harmon Blauvelt.

8. Nathaniel S: b abt 1810 in Macon, Georgia; m Eliza A. Parsells. See next E.1.2.3.7.8.

E.1.2.3.7.1
ASHER WILLETT and SUSAN RAY of Norwich, New London County, Connecticut

Asher Willett was born in Connecticut in 1789. He married about 1815 Susan Ray and was a farmer in Norwich all his life. His wife died before 1850; he died after 1850. (Bookstaver, page 135; 1850 census, Norwich, New London County, Connecticut).

1. Mary E: b abt 1820; m Bush.

2. Harriet: b 1825. (1850 Norwich, New London County, Connecticutt, census).

3. Andrew I: b 1829. (1850 Norwich, Mew London County, Connecticutt, census).

E.1.2.3.7.2
JOSEPH WILLETT and MARGARET MCKAY of Macon, Bibb County, Georgia

Joseph Willett was born March 31, 1798, in Connecticut. He first moved to New York City, but in 1818, he went to Macon, Georgia. He married in 1821 Margaret McKay (b December 10, 1799, in North Carolina; d July 12, 1883).

> "Messr. Flanders and Willett cut down the bluff and established the first ferry where the city bridge has since stood for more than fifty years" (Historical Record of Macon and Central Georgia, 1879, page 80).
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> "The first tree felled for the construction of a frame house was cut by Joseph Willet, one of six men who first came as settlers upon this portion of the Ocmulgee" (Historical Record of Macon and Central Georgia, 1879, page 80).
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> "Messrs. Roger and E. Call, David Flanders and Joseph Willet were actively engaged in building boats for the river trade to Darien, with a capacity of loading three to seven hundred bags of round cotton. A dozen trips had been made by a class of small crafts called mountain boats, from Henry county, bringing from fifty to one hundred bags of cotton down the river and returning with groceries and farmers' supplies" (Historical Record of Macon and Central Georgia, 1879, page 90).

He died from an accident September 19, 1850. Both he and his wife are buried in the Fort Hill Cemetery, Macon, Bibb County, Georgia. (Bookstaver, page 134; Early Wills and Cemetery Records, Bibb County, Georgia, Willingham, page 44).

1. Joseph Edgerton: b November 17, 1826; m January 1851 Emily Sanders; d February 12, 1897. See next E.1.2.3.7.2.1.

2. Frances: b abt 1828; m Wilburn of Macon, Georgia.

3. Lucretia: b March 6, 1829, in Macon, Georgia; m L.A. Rodgers of Macon, Georgia; d May 5, 1889.

4. B. F: b abt 1833.

5. Charles M: b September 27, 1839; d July, 1866.

6. Martha: b abt 1840; m Bandy.

E.1.2.3.7.2.1
JOSEPH EDGERTON WILLETT and EMILY SANDERS
of Mercer University, Macon, Georgia

Joseph Edgerton Willett was born in Macon, Georgia on November 17, 1826. In 1846, he was elected a Professor of Natural Science of Mercer University immediately after his graduation from this institution. He accepted the position after taking a special scientific course at Yale. He held this position for forty years, then resigned on account of ill health; he later took a chair in the Medical College of the University of Georgia. He was distinguished in the South as a chemist, geologist, and botanist.

In January, 1851, he married Emily A. H. Sanders the daughter of the Rev. Billington and Cynthia (Holliday) Sanders.

During the Civil War he was commissioned as a 1st Lieutenant. "He joined a company from Greene County, but was detailed for duty in Atlanta arsenal, as superintendent of the laboratory. He had previously served in the same arsenal as superintendent of the cartridge factory. On the fall of Atlanta he became chemist of the percussion cap factory, under Colonel J. W. Mallet, superintendent of Confederate laboratories, and continued in this capacity until the surrender" (Georgia and Florida Souvenir Sketches, page 850).

He was in high demand as a lecturer and was of the highest social standing. He was a constant contributor to scientific societies, and the author of The Wonders of Insect Life.

He died December 12, 1897.

(Bookstaver, pages 140-151; History of the Baptist Denomination in Georgia, 1881, pages 594-596).

1. Nathaniel L: b 1851; m Mrs. Annie V. Capen; no issue. He was a graduate of Mercer University, and one of the principal business men of Augusta, Georgia where he is the president of the N. L. Willett Seeds Company, vice-president of the Augusta Drug Company, and a leading member of the Chamber of Commerce. He is the author of Nature in the Witness Box.

2. Laura M: b abt 1853 in Macon Georgia.

3. Edgerton H: b 1856 in Macon, Georgia; resided in Milledgeville, Georgia.

4. Hugh M: b July, 22, 1858, in Macon, Georgia; m Lucy Lester; resided in Atlanta, Georgia. See next E.1.2.3.7.2.1.4.

5. Emily S: b 1861; m Charles A. Davis of Atlanta, Georgia.

E.1.2.3.7.2.1.4
HUGH M. WILLETT and LUCY LESTER of Atlanta, Georgia

Hugh M. Willett was born July 22, 1858 in Penfield (Macon), Georgia. He graduated from Mercer University, Macon, Georgia, in 1878. He took a Doctor of Laws in 1926. He served on the Board of Trustees for 20 years, 12 of those as Chairman.

He married at Blackshear, Georgia, on February 26, 1921, Lucy Lester (b 1863 at Thomasville, Georgia) the daughter of Archibald Phillip and Ella Thomas (Foreacre) Brantley, both natives of Georgia.

They lived in Atlanta, Georgia.

(Bookstaver, page 141).

1. Martha L: b April 15, 1888; d May 26, 1889.

2. Emily: b January 5, 1891; d December 4, 1905.

3. Hugh M: b September 24, 1894.

4. Joseph Lawrence: b November 10, 1896 in Macon, Georgia. He graduated cum laude from Georgia Tech in 1917. He served as a 1st Lieutenant in the U.S. Army in the Air Corp in World War I. He married Julia Brantley.

E.1.2.3.7.5
JEDEDIAH WILLETT and MARY ADGATE
of Norwich, New London County, Connecticut, and Savannah, Georgia

Jedediah Willett was born about 1790. He was raised in Norwich, Connecticut. He became a ship's captain and married about 1812 Mary Adgate.

> "He early in life took up the life of a sailor, and in time reached the position of captain. His father then gave him a ship, and he was engaged in the coast-wise trade, making his home in Savannah, Georgia, during the winter, and in Brooklyn in the summer" (Savannah and South Georgia, page 1034).

Jedediah Willett died in 1827. (Bookstaver, page 135).

1. Burnham: b abt 1813.

2. Asahel Adgate: b May 4, 1814; resided in Americus, Sumter County, Georgia. See next E.1.2.3.7.5.2.

3. Jared: b abt 1815.

E.1.2.3.7.5.2
ASAHEL ADGATE WILLETT and ELIZABETH WHITE
of Americus, Sumter County, Georgia

Asahel Adgate Willett was born May 4, 1814 at Norwich, New London County, Connecticut. He attended school at Penfield, and Norwich, Connecticutt, and in his youth acquired the trade of carpenter. His parents left Connecticut about 1823, when he was about 9, and settled at Macon, Bibb County, Georgia. Asahel's grandfather and uncle were already living in Georgia. He was a Mason for a number of years.

Asahel Adgate Willett married on October 1, 1844 Elizabeth White (b Virginia) the daughter of Peter and Permelia (Andrews) White.

"He lived in Macon until about 1840, and then came to what is now Sumter County, but then a part of Lee County. At that time there were four log cabins in Americus, and the Indians lived in the woods nearby. The first store opened a few years after his location there, and a man named Montgomery was one of the first, if not the first, merchant. He worked at his trade (carpenter) in this little settlement, and subsequently enteerd the merchandise business himself in this north part of the country. There were no railroads and he had to bring in all his goods with teams and wagons. His store was located on the stage route from Macon to Tallahassee and from Macon to Lumpkin. After about three years he traded his store property for other property in Americus, and there built the first house which was erected for the purpose of renting. He engaged in business as a merchant and also in real estate, and conducting farming for many years.

When the Civil War broke out he raised a company for service and during the first year of the war between the states, manufactured salt in Florida for the Confederate Government. In 1862, he enlisted as a private and was soon on detached duty at headquarters, being on the staff of Generals Wright and Cummins. He remained until the close of the war, and resumed his merchantile business and farming. After several years in Americus, he removed to the plantation where he now resides, a mile and a half from the courthouse" (Savannah and South Georgia, pages 1034-1035).

"The most pathetically beautiful thing I have ever seen in all my life was at the home of old Captain Willett ... a native of Connecticutt. He was ninety years old and was still right vigorous ... His old wife ... he led in tenderly ... I was surprised to find that old age had made her blind and that softening of the brain had made her mind an utter blank ... And yet, that old man sat there with his arm about her shoulders and with tears in his eyes told me of what a lovely girl she was in the days of her youth, and what a wife she had been to him through all the years

> ... He recounted his courtship days, and patted her shoulder as lovingly as if she were sweet sixteen ... He lived on a memory which he reincarnated daily in that withered form ... Faith and Hope look with steady gaze to the things that lie ahead, but Love gathers her treasures alike from the ashes of the past and the hopes of the future and thus enriches all her days" (Americus Through the Years, page 253).

Asahel Adgate Willett died June 14, 1914, at the age of 100 years.
(1850 Georgia, census; Savannah and South Georgia, page 1034).

1. Adelaide (Etie): b September 17, 1847; d September 8, 1871. (1850 Georgia, census).

2. Harriet (Hattie): b 1849; m Wright Brady, Jr. (1850 Georgia, census).

3. Jedediah: b abt 1850.

4. James K: b November 23, 1853, at Sumter County, Georgia; m December 18, 1877, Many L. White, the daughter of Joseph M. White of Georgia; they reside at Homer, Claiborne Parish, Louisanna. See next E.1.2.3.7.5.2.

5. Augustus: b abt 1855; of Tyler, Smith County, Texas.

6. Mollie: b abt 1857.

7. Amanda: b abt 1860; m Mose Oliver.

8. Joseph: b abt 1862; of Dallas, Dallas County, Texas.

E.1.2.3.7.5.2
JAMES K. WILLETT and MANY L. WHITE of Homer, Claiborne Parish, Louisiana

James K. Willett was born on November 23, 1853, in Sumter County, Georgia. He married on December 18, 1877, Many L. White, the daughter of Joseph M. White.

> "James K. Willett received a good education in Sumter County schools, and then clerked in his father's store for a number of years, thus receiving a thorough, practical business education, under the tuition of his father. In 1875, he went on a farm, remaining there a couple of years in an adjoining county, and during the year 1876 (Centennial Year) he visited different cities of the North, including New York, Philadelphia, and spent a few months in New York State, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. In 1877, he came to Claiborne Parish, Louisiana, and engaged in cultivating the soil until 1879, when in October of that year he began merchandising in Homer. This he continued for a number of years, and up to January 1, 1889, he was very successful, and had accumulated a comfortable competency. He has since been occupied in setting up old business, and is also engaged to some extent in the brokerage business. Mr. Willett was one of the

first to give his support to the establishing of the Homer National Bank, and is a stockholder and director of the same" (Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Northwest Louisiana, pages 460-461).

1. Acial M: b abt 1880 at Homer, Claiborne Parish, Louisiana.

E.1.2.3.7.8
NATHANIEL S. WILLETT and ELIZA A. PARSELLS
of Norwich, New London County, Connecticut

Nathaniel S. Willett was born in 1811. He married Eliza A. Parsells (b 1811, d 1882) and lived in Norwich. He died in 1892. (Bookstaver, page 139).

1. Theodore: b 1832.

2. Edgar: b 1834; m Annie Judson.

3. Eliza A: b 1836; m abt 1860 G. F. Reed of New York.

4. Lucretia: b 1838; m 1863 Romaine Van Kenbury.

5. Minnetta P: b 1840; m John R. Cooper.

6. Nathaniel L: b 1843; m Fanny Coley.

7. Adelaide V: b 1844; m Frank H. Price.

8. William O: b 1847; d 1847.

9. Fanny J: b 1849; m Edgar E. Bond.

10. Emma L: b 1851; m Charles Wheeler.

CHAPTER SIX
NATHANIEL WILLETT of HARTFORD, CONNECTICUTT

F.1
NATHANIEL WILLETT and Mrs. ELIZABETH WAKEMAN
of Hartford, Hartford County, Connecticutt

Nathaniel Willett was born about 1618. Since the Pilgrims did not settle at Plymouth, Massachusetts until 1620, Nathaniel was most likely born in old England. Banks in his Topographical Dictionary of 2885 English Emigrants to New England 1620-1650, page 147, lists Nathaniel as from Somersetshire, England, and references the "Banks Manuscript" as the source of this information. There was a relatively large family with the name of Willett living in the Bristol, and Somersetshire area at this time (see the Introduction by David Bowl).

The Dutch had claimed Connecticutt by virtue of Adrian Block's exploration of the Connecticutt River in 1614. However, the first Dutch trading post was not opened until 1633 at the House of Good Hope, on the site of present day Hartford. The first permenant Englishmen began settling at Windsor in 1633. John Oldham from Watertown, Massachusetts, founded Wetherfield, Connecticutt, in 1634; the Reverend Thomas Hooker founded an English settlement at Hartford in 1636. The Pequot Indian War of 1637 ended when Captain John Mason with Narraganset tribesmen destroyed the Pequots at their settlement at Mystic, and then followed up this victory with another victory at Fairfield (also in 1637).

Nathaniel Willett must have arrived very early in "New" England, because he married, as his first wife, before January 1, 1645, Elizabeth Wakeman, the widow of Samuel Wakeman of Connecticutt. With this marriage, Nathaniel became the stepfather of four children.

In 1645, he is a constable of Hartford. Such a position must have come through earlier settlement.

The estate of Samuel Wakeman was settled on him December 4, 1645, on the condition that he pay £ 40 to the son when he reached the age of 21, and £ 20 to each of the daughters at the age of 18. He thus, became the step-father of the Wakeman children; however, in all the records Nathaniel Willett is called their father-in-law, as was customary at that time (Early Connecticutt Probate Records, pages 39-40).

> "Court Record, December 4, 1645. The estate of Sam. Wakeman, deceased, is settled on Nath. Willette, in consideration whereof he is to pay £ 40 to the eldest sonne when he shall attayne 21 years of age, and £ 20 apiece to the three daughters when they shall attayne the age of 18 yeares. If any dye in the meane, the portion is to be divided betweex the survivors, the land to stand ingadged for the performance thereof; and if any debts more shall appeare than are nowe knowne, to be equally borne by him and the children, and if any estate more appeare, that also is to be divided" (A Digest of the Early Connecticutt Probate Records, Volume I, page 39).

1. Ezbon Wakeman: in 1657, he received 40 pounds from Nathaniel Willett in the settlement of the Wakeman estate.

2. (daughter) Wakeman: m John Kelly; Nathaniel settled her portion of the Wakeman estate on June 10, 1663.

3. Elizabeth Wakeman: m Joseph Arnold; Nathaniel Willett settled her portion of the Wakeman estate on September 6, 1662.

4. Hannah Wakeman: m Hackelton; Nathaniel Willett settled her portion of the Wakeman estate on September 6, 1662.

Nathaniel's wife, Elizabeth (Wakeman) Willett must have died, because he married, as his second wife, Hannah Adams (b abt 1641 at Hartford, Connecticutt), the daughter of Jeremy Adams.

Connecticutt's status as a colony was always in question. The Dutch maintained that Connecticut was a Dutch possession; Connecticutt did not receive a Charter from the King of England until 1662 when Winthrop obtained one from King Charles II.

In 1675, Connecticutt joined Massachusetts in fighting King Philip's War against the hostile Wampanoag Indians. Nathaniel served during King Philip's War in the militia at the Blackpoint Garrison (Soldier's in King Philip's War, Bodge, page 330-339).

Nathaniel Willett is noted as a townsman of Hartford in the years 1654, 1666, 1670, 1675, 1678, and 1682.

Sometime between 1683 and 1691 Nathaniel Willett's house burnt to the ground.

He married, third, Ellinor (Watts) Browne-Clements, the widow of Joseph Clements; and the daughter of Richard and Elizabeth Watts. She died September 28, 1703.

He died January 4, 1697/98 at the age of 80, and is buried in the Center Church Cemetery. His estate was inventoried January 11, 1697/98 and valued at £ 450-09-04 by Thomas Bunce, John Merrells, and Thomas Thornton.

(Bookstaver, page 79; Families of Early Hartford, Connecticutt, page 681).

> Will dated July 13, 1697. "I Nathaniel Willett doe make this may last Will and Testament:
>
> I give to my wife the Use of a third part of all my Lands during her natural life. And if she sees fit to live in Hartford, I give her the Use of my House, Barn, and Home lott, besides the thirds, during her Widowhood. Also, I give unto my wife 2 plows, 1/3 part of the Sheep, 1/3 part of my Household Goods, with the Provision in the House, in full of her Dowery, she keeping houseing and fences in repair.
>
> I give and release to my son Bishop, the debt of £ 12 in Money which he oweth me, as a particular Legacy.
>
> I give to my daughter Hannah my bigest Brass Kettle as a particular Legacy.
>
> I give all my Land, Meadow, Upland, and Outlands whatsoever, to be equally divided between them, 2/3 after my decease, and the other third after the decease of my wife.
>
> I appoint my son-in-Law, Zachariah Sandford, to be my Executor, and desire Mr. Nathaniel Stanly and Major Jonathan Bull to be Overseers.
>
> Witness:
> Timothy Woodbridge
> Caleb Watson"
>
> Nathaniel (x) Willett, Ls

(Probate Records 1695-1700, page 597).

On January 19, 1697, Zachariah Sandford refused to be the executor of Nathaniel Willett's will, and instead the Court granted letters of administration to Zachariah Sandford and Basey Baker.

1. Sarah: b 1655; m Zachary Sandford of Hartford, Connecticutt.

    1. (daughter) Sandford: m John Bunce

2. Abigail: b 1670; m at Middletown, Middlesex County, Connecticutt, in 1690 John Bishop of New Haven, Connecticutt; d 1725 at Hartford, Connecticutt. See next F.1.2.

3. Rebecca: b 1665; m 1st 1680 Thomas Rainey of Middletown, Connecticutt; m 2d 1729 Jacob White.

    1. Willett Rainey: b 1700; m Annie Johnson.

4. Hannah: b 1670; m 1st April 1, 1697, Baysey Baker at Hartford, Connecticutt; m 2d Joseph Webster; d before January 16, 1724.

F.1.2

ABIGAIL WILLETT and JOHN BISHOP of Hartford, Hartford County, Connecticutt

Abigail Willett was born about 1670. She married at Middletown, Middlesex County, Connecticutt, in 1690 John Bishop (b May 17, 1662; d 1710), the son of James Bishop, of New Haven, Connecticutt. She died in 1725 at Hartford, Connecticutt.
(Families of Ancient New Haven, 1974, page 201).

1. Nathaniel Bishop: b March 5, 1691, at Hartford; d.y.

2. Abigail Bishop: b June 2, 1692, at Hartford; d.y.

3. John Bishop:: b November 1, 1693, at Hartford; m Susannah Hawkins; removed to Coventry; d November 7, 1773.

4. Nathaniel Bishop: b October 5, 1695, at Hartford; d 1743.

5. Willett Bishop: b October 17, 1697, at Hartford; m at New Haven, Connecticutt, on May 17, 1729, Elizabeth Sturdevant; d 1749.

6. James Bishop: b February 17, 1699, at Hartford; m January 20, 1725/26, Elizabeth Clinton; d July 25, 1780.

    1. Sarah Bishop: b 1736; m Timothy Munson (b 1734; d 1826); d 1806.

7. Thomas Bishop: b December 10, 1701, at Hartford; d.y.

8. Jeremiah Bishop: b November 3, 1703, at Hartford; m 1730 Martha.

9. Sarah Bishop: b November 19, 1705, at Hartford; m on November 2, 1731, Wait Hotchkiss.

10. Dinah Bishop: b March, 1708; m February 20, 1726/27 Moses Clark; d October 4, 1761.

11. Ebeneezer Bishop: b July 29, 1710, at Hartford; m 1st on August 11, 1742, Elizabeth Hotchkiss; ; m 2d Elizabeth Johnson; d 1778 at Woodbridge.

CHAPTER SEVEN
THOMAS WILLETT (1620-1647) OF NEW AMSTERDAM

G.1
THOMAS WILLETT and SARAH CORNELL of New Amsterdam

Thomas Willett was born in 1620 (or 1621) in England. When he came to New Amsterdam in 1643, he said that he was from Bristol. There was one large family of Willetts living in Bristol at this time who belonged to the Merchant Adventurers. Other Willett families lived in Gloucester, Somerset, and across the Bristol Channel in Monmouth, Wales. It can be assumed that Thomas Willett

> "not only came from Bristol, England, but was probably born there, since the place listed in the Dutch Church records of this early period usually denotes birthplace. His well-formed signature indicates a good education" (Bailey, page 2).

One tradition, repeated by Samuel Willett Comstock in 1928, states that Thomas Willett of New Amsterdam was the son of William Willett of Bristol, England. This has not been defintely proven to date. It the tradition is true, Thomas had brothers, William Willett, Junior (b 1625; m abt 1644 Martha Pitt; d 1681), John Willett, and Walter Willett. His (supposed) brother, William Willett, married Martha Pitt, the sister of Thomas Pitt, Esquire, of Bristol, England. Thomas Pitt left his sister, Martha (Pitt) Willett a legacy in 1665. William Willett (1625-1681) was a Master of the Corporation of Bristol in 1656, 1661 through 1679. He was a a Sheriff in 1668, and a Master of the Merchant Venturers Company of Bristol, England, in 1670-1671.

Thomas Willett was an Englishman employed by the Dutch West India Company as a soldier. As such, he took part in the massacre of Indians at Pavonia that was ordered by Governor Kieft in February, 1643. More than 600 hundred peaceful Indians were slain.

> "The incident sparked a two year Indian War which left New Netherlands shaken and apprehensive. This error, coupled with general misconduct, resulted in the recall of Kieft and the 1647 appointment of Peter Stuyvesant as Director-General. Stuyvesant, known as old silver leg, because his artificial limb was decorated with sparkling metal, was an unpopular, but respected official" (Seeds of Anger, Revolts in America 1607-1771, pages 70-71).

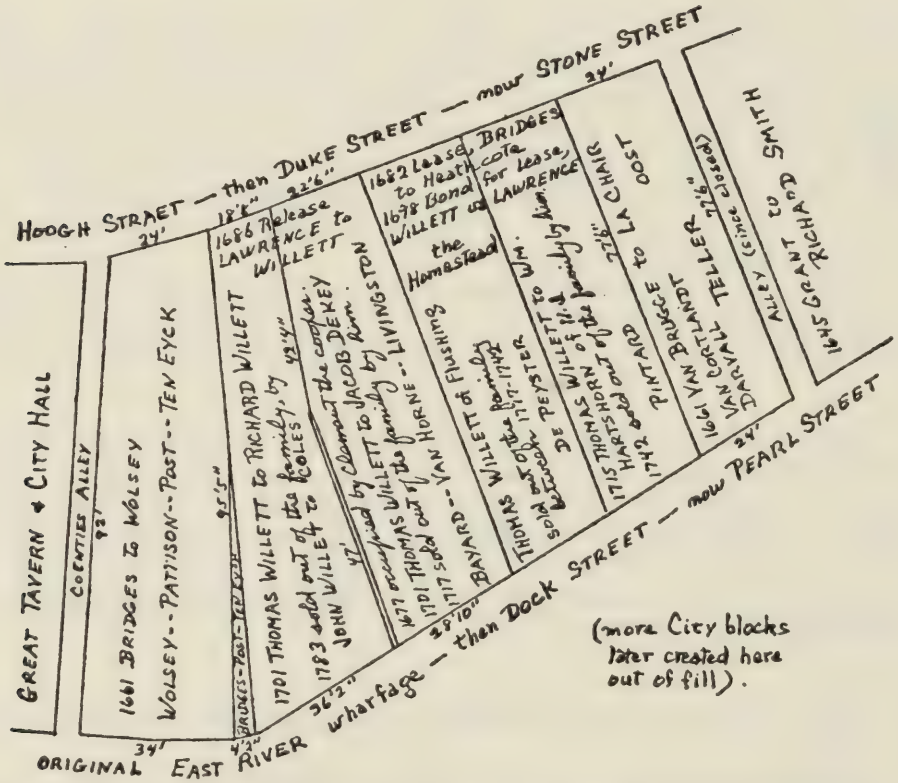
Thomas Willett testified as to the killing in February of Dirck Straetmaker by the Indians at Pavonia.

The New Amsterdam he knew was near today's Battery Park. Tiny thatched houses huddled together around the worm-eaten palisades of Fort Amsterdam. Beyond this "good stiff fence" which was the only protective barrier for the town, and along which Wall Street runs today, there were only a few "bouweries" or farms that supplied the colony with food. He had land granted to him in 1645. This same land was confirmed to his widow's then husband in 1667, and was later owned, at least between 1686 and 1715, by his son, Colonel Thomas Willett of Flushing. Thomas' home in New Amsterdam was on the

then East River bank, immediately east of the Great Tavern which soon became the Stadt Huys, or the City Hall of the time.

> "We cannot count on the accuracy in the record of English names in the Dutch Colony. The Dutch Church Records, written and now extant in the Dutch language, several times names him Thomas Welert; and under this name is recorded the baptism of his two sons, William, in 1644, and Thomas, in 1645; but the name is written Thomas Willett, in the previous record of his marriage on September 1, 1643, in the First Reformed Dutch Church at New Amsterdam, to Sara Cornell" (Cornell, page 240).

Sarah Cornell (d between 1692 and 1698) was from Essex, England. A Thomas Cornel of Hertford, England, had married Elizabeth Tisdale of Plymouth only a year earlier. These English marriages in New Amsterdam at this early date and shows the cosmopolitan nature of the Dutch city.



1645 Grant to THOMAS WILLET as confirmed 1667 to CHARLES BRIDGES

Sarah (Cornell) Willett was the oldest daughter of Thomas and Rebecca (Briggs) Cornell. Thomas Cornell was the first owner of Cornell's Neck. He had been born in 1595, and came to New Amsterdam from Essex, England, about 1636. He had first gone to

Massachusetts and Rhode Island before settling at New Amsterdam. In 1642, he arrived and took up residence among the Dutch. He died in 1655 and his estate at Cornell's Neck descended to his daughter, Sarah Willett, and remained in the possession of the Willett family for more than a hundred years. Thomas Cornell was of an ancient English family who traced their lineage up through the Barons of Burford to Richard de Cornewall (as the name was then spelt), son of Richard, Earl of Cornewall, second son of King John. King John was the younger brother of Richard I and reigned from 1189 until 1199.

Thomas must have purchased several lots immediately after arriving in New Amsterdam, because early in 1645 he had already begun to sell some of the property he owned in the town.

> January 2, 1645: Thomas Willett sold to Cornelius Teunsion a lot and house on Manhattan adjoining the Public Tavern for 775 guilders; Thomas took a mortgage on the house.

Since Thomas Willett was able to purchase both a house and lot immediately after arriving, he must have been better off financially than his status as a soldier in the employ of the East India Company would have supposed. Also his house and land were in a central location, and property in the center of a town has always been more costly than property at a more remote location. Most likely the same held true in 1643. As can be seen from the sketch, Thomas Willett must have owned five city lots, all facing the main city street, Duke Street, and the river. Four lots are shown on the sketch, and the fifth would be this sale of property adjoining the Public Tavern. The original record of this patent has not been found, but later records prove that on July 4, 1645:

> "Groundbrief granted by the West Indies Company to Thomas Willett, not recorded (but see below). Same date, groundbrief to Ridaret Smidt for lot on Manhattan Island next to Willett's" (HS, 901, page 1972).

Later in the year, Cornelius Teunsion failed to complete the mortagage payment. Although we do not have the terms, it most likely was a large down payment with the remainder do in the fall after the summer harvest had come in. At any rate on December 7, 1645:

> "Thomas Willett won a judgment against Teunsion for the balance on the purchase of the house" (Icon. IV-103, pages 31, and 98).

Thomas Willett died unexpectantly in 1647; he was only 27 years old, and left a widow and two children, aged 3 and 2 years.

Nothing is definitely known about the origins of this Thomas Willett, and he is often confused with Captain Thomas Willett of Plymouth who actively traded in New Amsterdam at this time. The other (Captain) Thomas Willett would become the first mayor of New York City in 1664. However, Thomas said he was from Bristol, and there is no reason to doubt his claim. Another clue is the signet ring that he owned and bequeathed to his eldest son, William. Neither Thomas Willett or his son used this particular seal ring on their

will, however, Colonel Thomas Willett (second son of Thomas) used it to seal his will of 1722. This ring had a seal which distinctly resembled a coat of arms. No Willett family in England has been found to have had this particular coat of arms at this early date; but, the signet ring bears a distinct resemblence to coat of arms used by various Willett families at a later date. As Bailey says:

> "If this family is entitled to bear arms, it seems to me, that despite the diversity of seals later used, its family arms are those on the 1722 will of Thomas. This Thomas Willett led an active and responsible life as High Sheriff, Colonel, and Councillor; he was not one of the acquisitive land-grabbers of his time. It would not be in keeping for this type of man to use a seal to which he did not feel himself entitled. Moreover, born in 1645, only about three year's after his father's immigration, we may assume he knew his family origin. By bequeathing his seal to his eldest son, this Thomas Willett shows the importance with which he regarded it, as a possession belonging to the head of the family" (Bailey, pages 2-3).

The paragraph above must be taken for what it is: speculation. Thomas was barely 3 when his father died. And, a signet ring may have been just that to Thomas, something to seal correspondence and other documents.

The elder Thomas Willett's widow, Sarah (Cornell) Willett married on December 3, 1647, at the Dutch Reformed Church in New Amsterdam, Charles Bridges. Her second husband:

> "Charles Bridges was an Englishman, long esteemed among the Dutch of New Amsterdam, who had come to New Netherlands permanently in 1647 with Governor Stuyvesant and held several positions including that of Provincial Secretary, 1652-1653. His Dutch neighbors had translated his name into Carel Van Bruges, and under this name he held the position of Provincial Secretary, was on the Governor's Council, and was a Military Commissary in 1660."

Sarah's marriage to such a distinguished and political figure, also points to her deceased husband, Thomas Willett, being a man of eminence and influence.

Charles Bridges must have either been the guardian of the young Willett children, or he thought that Sarah (Cornell-Willett) Bridges owned the New Amsterdam property in her own right. In 1661, some of the original Thomas Willett's 1645 grant was sold by Charles Bridges:

corner lots on the west end of Willett patent

> "April 16, 1661: Sale by Charles Bridges to George Wolsey (his wife's brother-in-law); not recorded. Was in Wolsey's possession in 1660."

corner lots on east end of Willett patent

> "April 16, 1661: Sale by Carel Van Bruges, burger and inhabitant of this city, by virtue of July 4, 1645, groundbrief to Solomon La Chair; lot bounded by the house and lot of said Van Brugge, 77'-6" by 24' by 77'-6" by 24'. This lot was in La Chair's possession by 1658 when he built a house thereon and was worried about right to adjoining alley of Richard Smith's" (Bailey, page 5).

The land sales would eventually lead to a plea by Thomas Willett's children that his mother and her new husband were not administering or conserving their estate. However, now they were teenagers, and not aware of what was happening to their estate.

Much was happening during this period. Old King Charles had decided to put an end to the Dutch claims in the New World by force. He granted his brother, the Duke of York, all the territory around the Hudson River, and left it to him to take possesion of his grant. In this capacity, a fleet was outfitted, and Colonel Nicholson sailed up the East River on June 12, 1665, and demanded of Governor Stuyvesant the surrender of New Amsterdam and all other Dutch outposts in the new world. At Nicholson's side was Captain Thomas Willett of Plymouth (no relation to this Willett family) who had Governor Stuyvesant's confidence, and after a parley, the city was surrendered. This Captain Thomas Willett became the first English mayor of the newly named New York City.

In the will of Edward Jessup of Westchester, dated August 6, 1666, Jessup named as executors "my well beloved friends, Richard Cornhill, justice of the peace, and Mrs. Sarah Bridges."

One of the conditions of the surrender of New Netherlands by Stuyvesant to Colonel Nichols in 1665 was that the rights of Dutch citizens would be respected. This led to Dutch patents being of doubtful legality, and many of these patents were reaffirmed in Court. Such is the case with the Willett patent.

> "July 11, 1667: Confirmation by Governor Nicolls to Charles Bridges, recites the July, 1645, groundbrief to Thomas Willett and also marriage of Sarah, widow of Thomas Willett, to Charles Bridges; lying towards the East River to the East of the present State House, 8 rods 2 feet, before, towards the Wall (i.e. wharf) and the waterside, 14 rods 5 feet; on the east side next toMr. Smith's, 6 rods 5 feet, and on the north side 9 rods 8 feet 4 inches" (Icon., II-404, from Patents II-47).

Charles Bridges moved to Flushing, Long Island, and died there in 1682. His will is dated August 8, 1682:

> "He and his wife, Sarah (Willett), having given their son, Thomas Willett, the half of their land, etc., lying in Newton Neck as by the deed of gift appears, the other half with the rest of our estate or wordly goods shall remain for us both and the longer liver of us shall enjoy all without any molestation, trouble, or Pretences, of either of our relatives or children" (Comstock, 1928, page 2).

Living in Flushing at this time was a third Willett family, the Richard Willett family. After Richard Willett's death, his wife and children became Quakers, and most of his children added a final "s" to their name to form "Willets" or "Willits." This form distinguishes this family from the other Willett families associated with New Amsterdam, New York, and Long Island. For the record, a fourth Willett family, that of Richard Willett, lived in New York City at the turn of the seventeenth century. This Richard Willett married the daughter of Colonel Thomas Willett, and even received through her, a portion of the original 1645 groundbrief.

Sarah married for the third time, by license dated November 3, 1682, John Lawrence, Jr., who was the son of John Lawrence, Sr., merchant, mayor of New York City, and Councilor of the Province. John Lawrence, Jr., was considered a lunatic as early as April 16, 1692, when he is mentioned at a Council meeting as being married to Mrs. Sarah Bridges. When Sarah (Cornell-Willett-Bridges) Lawrence died, sometime between 1692 and 1698, John Lawrence, Jr., lunatic, had "nobody in his own home to care for him, (so) he was returned to his father's home in New York City." The senior John Lawrence died in 1699. On February 20, 1702/03, new guardians were appointed for John Lawrence, Jr., to serve during his life or lunacy (Bookstaver, pages 27-52).

1. William: b June 29, 1644, baptized in the Reformed Dutch Church in New York on June 29, 1644, sponsored by Governor Kieft and Johannes Richardts (NYDB 1-17); d between 1677 and 1682. See next G.1.1.

2. Thomas: bp November 26, 1645; m 1st 1667 Helena Stoothoff; m 2d January 13, 1705, Charity Stevenson; d 1733. See next G.1.2.

G.1.1
WILLIAM WILLETT of New York City

William Willett was born on June 29, 1644, in New Amsterdam, New Netherlands. He was baptized in the Reformed Dutch Church in New Amsterdam on June 29, 1644, sponsored by Governor Kieft and Johannes Richardts (New York Deed Book, pages 1-17). That the Governor of the Province should be the his sponsor, shows the importance of his father, Thomas Willett.

Thomas Pell had claimed, unsuccessfully, all of Westchester, but Charles Bridges and his wife, Sarah, William's step-father and mother, sued on the articles of surrender, and the King's instructions, wherein any grant from the Dutch is confirmed. And they won in 1665 (Bolton, volume 2, pages 270-274, from the records). This suit was an important one, as it helped to re-establish Dutch titles in the province after the English conquest.

All the property that had been granted to his father in New Amsterdam (now in 1665 New York) became William's when he became of age in 1665.

Nothing much is known about William, except:

> "On October 13, 1668, William Willett was appointed Lieutenant of a volunteer Troop of Horse on Long Island (Doc. Col. 14-608). He and his brother, Thomas, brought property in Flatbush, Long Island, in 1670, which they sold in 1677 (WC, page 3). William was the first Willett to own Cornell's Neck in Westchester. The chain of title from its grant by the Dutch in 1646 to his grandfather Cornell is recited in the confirmation to William Willett by patent, 1667" (Bailey, pages 8-9).

In the summer of 1668, William Willett was cutting hay on Cornell's Neck for his own use (Comstock, page 3).

William Willett died sometime between 1677 and 1682. It is thought that he died unmarried and without issue.

G.1.2

Colonel THOMAS WILLETT and HELENA STOOTHOFF of Flushing, Long Island

Thomas Willett was born in New Amsterdam, New Netherlands. He was baptized on November 26, 1645. His sponsors were Mr. Isaac Arlington, Mr. Briston, and Mr. Lautes' wife, Margaret Jans (New York Deed Book, 1-20).

"This Willett family, of Flushing, Long Island, led an interesting life in an interesting period of New York's development" (Bailey, page 64). On June 12, 1665, the Dutch lost New Amsterdam to an English fleet under the command of Colonel Nicholson. Captain Thomas Willett (no known relation to the Thomas Willett of New Amsterdam) became the first English mayor of the renamed New York.

Thomas Willett married, in 1667, Helena Stoothoff (Heltie Elbertse) the daughter of Elbert Elbertson Stoothoff of Flatlands, Long Island, and his wife, Altjae Cornelise Cool.

In 1667 and 1668, he was a Cornet of his brother, William's, troop of horse. Thomas was a Captain of Militia on Long Island from 1671 until 1678.

Our Thomas Willett began early in his life to make his mark in local affairs. He was High Sheriff of Flushing in 1670. In 1673, the Dutch retook New York and Willett was named as a Lieutenant in the new militia. In 1676, he was Sheriff of Yorkshire, which at this time included Long Island, Westchester County, and Staten Island. There was an Indian scare in that same year, occasioned by the Indian War in the Plymouth Colony, Rhode Island, and Connecticut, known as King Phillips's War. (On July 1, 1676, Hezekiah Willett, son of Captain Thomas Willett of Plymouth, had been killed by the Indians at Swansea, Massachusetts, and beheaded. And Indians still owned much of Long Island).

The Willett groundbrief of July 4, 1645, had included 5 lots. The Willett patent in the 1677 tax list, and in the 1679-1680 Labadist view of New York City was as follows:

> Lot 47: belonged to Lodowich Post;
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> Lot 48: vacant, not on the tax list, owned by Thomas Willett;
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> Lot 49: house belonging to Charles Van Burgh, father-in-law of Thomas Willett and occupied by Clement the Cooper;
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> Lot 50: Willett family house, then in the possession of Charles Van Brugh; and
>
> Lot 51: John Darvall's.
> (Icon., I-228; Bailey, page 5)

In 1679, Thomas Willett was one of the Justices of the Peace. In 1680/81, as Major Thomas Willett, he was granted a license "to buy land from the Indians at Cow Neck, Long Island" (Document Collection XIV-761). In 1680, he was a Major of Militia on Long Island.

In 1683, Thomas Willett was named as Sheriff of the newly formed Queens County, Long Island. Thomas Willett was having some difficulty in getting his step-father, John Lawrence, Jr., and his mother to surrender the legacy of property which his father had left him in 1645. Probably, after managing the property for nearly thirty years, as Mrs. Charles Bridges, Sarah felt that the belonged to her, at least by virtue of fees due her as an administrator of the property. John Lawrence, Jr., may have been confused as to who really owned the property, and thought it belonged to his wife as dower, instead of to the son as a legacy. Also, not to be forgotten is the fact that John Lawrence, Jr., would be certified as a lunatic at least by 1692, and it is only natural to assume that he had become so over the years proceeding the first public notice of that fact. In 1686, Thomas Willett took his step-father to Court concerning his inheritance.

central lots in the old Willett patent

> "January 7, 1686: John Lawrence, Jr., of Flushing, and Sarah his wife (widow Willett-Bridges), gave a release to Thomas Willett of Flushing, reciting that because of controversies (Bailey thinks that Thomas "here claimed that as surviving son, he had the right now to all his paternal inheritance, except the widow's lifetime portion") between them concerning the moiety of certain lands in New York City to the east of the City Hall between the houses of John Darvall and Conrad Ten Eyck, to which moiety said John and Sarah did claim title, the three submitted to arbitration March 30, 1685, and in performance of the resulting judgment, said John Lawrence and Sarah released to said Willett all their right to said moiety or half part of said house and lands" (New York Deeds, 13-294; Bailey, page 5).

It is interesting to note, that in this controversy, that Lawrence and Willett resorted to an old Dutch method of settling a controversy by arbitration. This is an example of Dutch customs surviving in the court and legal system of New York Colony.

In 1687, the "militia of the Province (was) to be put in readiness to meet the French, Colonel Nicholas Bayant for New York, Major Thomas Willett and Captain Jaxson for Queens, etc., to be in command" (Col. C., 54; Bailey, page 84). This was the Albany Expedition.

Other events were transpiring across the Atlantic Ocean that were of major importance to the colony. On November 5, 1688, the Protestant, William of Orange, landed at Torbay to oppose the Catholic James for the throne of England. By late September, James had fled to France. News crossed the ocean slow in the seventeenth century. A five weeks voyage was quick, a twelve week voyage not uncommon. Yet, as late as April 4, 1689, the Colonies were unsure of the results of William's Protestant challenge. this was because Governor Edmond Andros had received the dispatches from England, but had chosen to keep this information secret. All sorts of rumors were rampant. There was a fear of a Catholic conspiracy and the rumor of a pending bloody Protestant massacre. The English citizens thought that perhaps the French would use the confusion to attack. Perhaps the French (or the Catholics) were even now formenting an Indian uprising! It was in this atmosphere that:

> "Major Willett and other civil and military officers from Queens County promised the Governor and the Council assistance and would endeavor to encourage the inhabitants to peace and quiet" (NYHS Col., 1868, page 247; Bailey, page 84).

On May 31, large crowds of armed men began milling in the streets of New York city stirred by the rumors. Within hours the insurgents had taken Fort James, and Major Jacob Leisler had assumed leadership of this interim rabble. Colonel Thomas Willett opposed this insurrection.

> "(He) was an anti-Leislerian, and Jacob Leisler who commanded the fort ordered him arrested for being an alleged adherent to King James II against King William. He made his escape to Pennasylvania" (Bailey, page 33).

In 1689, while he was expelled from New York by Leisler, his appointment from King William to the Council of the Province came. Leisler refused to honor the appointment, and still considered Colonel Willett a rebel.

> "The order was again proclaimed in 1690, but ultimately Secretary Clarkson sent for Colonel Willett to bring his men to the fort at New York to preserve peace" (Bailey, page 33).

Regardless of the reasons for the insurrection, it was still an insurrection against the legally appointed governor. King William was busy with other immediate concerns in securing England. Eventually, in 1691, Leisler was deposed by the firm action of Sir Henry Sloughter, the new royally appointed governor. Leisler and Milburne were executed on May 16, 1691, and six other rebels were imprisoned.

In 1691, under the new Royal Governor, Henry Sloughter, Willett was able to take his place on the Council, and served continuously until 1698 under Governors Sloughter (1689-1691), Fletcher (1691-1693), and Belmont (1693-1698). On this council he sat with Colonel Stephen Van Cortlandt, Frederick Phillpse, Colonel Caleb Heathcote, and other old Dutch patroons of New York Province.

In 1692, Colonel Thomas Willett was ordered to dispatch 800 men to Albany. Colonel Thomas Willett was constantly acting in one capacity or another for his community. Bailey says this about Colonel Thomas Willett:

> "(He) appears frequently in the Kings County deeds, mainly concerning his wife's inheritance, including the following which I think should not be interpreted that he was a resident but a property owner: 1695, controversy between various freeholders of Flatlands, including Thomas Willetts, Sr., of the same place, over land located there; land of Elbert Elbertse, deceased" (Rec. volume 54, page 243; Bailey, page 83).

"It would appear that his home in Flushing became the Colden Estate, known as Spring Hill, in the late eighteenth century, and since the nineteeth century, the Cedar Grove Cemetery" (Bailey, page 83).

In 1698, Colonel Willett was suspended from the Council for concealing pirate money. (Documentary History of New York). The fact that he was dealing in or with pirates did not seem to hurt either his reputation or his fortune. Many a fortune was being made at this time in the slave trade and in smuggling.

He is mentioned in the 1698 list of inhabitants of Flushing, along with his wife, Helena, and his last eight children who were living with him at the time; he also had one servant, John Clement, and seven negroes: Francis, jeffey, Hart, Jack, Dick, and Mary. His son, Thomas, was also mentioned in the list, along with his wife, Mary.

Colonel Thomas Willett began in 1701 to give the old 1645 Willett patent lots to his children. Evidently, they had been promised as part of each daughter's dowery.

central lots of the old Willett patent

"April 28, 1701: Thomas Willett of Flushing in Queens County, for the natural love and affection unto his son-in-law, Jacob Dekey of New York City, merchant, and to his daughter, Sarah, wife of said Dekey, for their marriage portion, grant, and confirm, to said Jacob Dekey and Sarah his wife, land in the Dock Ward of New York City, bounded on the Northwest by other lands of Thomas Willett, Southeast by Dock Street, and along 28'-10" Southwest to an alley between the dwelling house on said land and now in the possession of Richard Willett of said city, merchant, Southwest by said Richard Willett, and Northeast by Duke Street. Said Thomas Willett and Helena, now his wife, mother of said Sarah Dekey, would next seven years do any reasonable act to assure this conveyance provided it did not require travelling further than New York City" (NYD, 23-280; Bailey, page 6).

Colonel Thomas Willett represented Queens County in the General Assembly of 1701. This may have required that he journey to Albany, New York; a trip that must have been much to his disliking.

central lot of the old Willett patent

"November 1, 1701: Thomas Willett of Flushing and Queens County, and Helena his wife, for the love and affection unto their son-in-law, Richard Willett of New York City and unto their late daughter Mary, deceased, the late wife of said Richard Willett, and for part of the marriage portion of said Mary, to Richard Willett, lot and dwelling house in the Dock Ward of New York City, fronting on Dock Street 36'-2" to alley on east side, bounded Southeast by Dock Street, Northeast by Jacob Dekey's house, Northwest by Duke Street, Southwest by the house of Tobais Ten Eyck now in the possession of Elias Boudinot.

Witnesses: Thomas Willett, Jr., and Elbert Willett. The witnesses subscribe June 23, 1705, that they saw this deed by said Thomas Willett, their father, and their late mother, helena Willett" (New York Deeds, 26-29; Bailey, page 6).

Helena (Stoothoff) Willett died prior to November 1, 1701.

"March 28, 1702: Thomas Willett of Flushing to his oldest son, William Willett, a certain piece of land in Cornell's Neck in Westchester County; all of which said parcel of land and premises formerly were ye estate freehold and inheritance of William Willett, Gentleman, deceased, ye brother of ye said Thomas Willett, and from him ye said William Willett descendented by legal descent and right of blood descended to ye said Thomas Willett" (Bailey, page 9).

Colonel Willett was a Judge of Queens County from 1702 until 1710.

On the occasion of the French alarm, in 1704, Colonel Thomas Willett, commanding the Queens Militia, was able to produce, in ten hours time, 1,000 men for the defense of New York City (Doc. Col., IV-1121).

Colonel Willett remained widowed for nearly five years. At the age of sixty, he married as his second wife, on January 15, 1705, Charity Stevenson (d May, 1712) the daughter of Edward and Charity (Field) Stevenson of Newtown, Long Island. She was a sister of Susannah Stevenson who married Abraham Willett (F.1.2.9), and the aunt of Abigail Stevenson who married another Thomas Willett (F.1.2.1.2). (Stephenson, pages 60-61).

Colonel Thomas Willett represented Queens County in the General Assembly during the years 1710 through 1715.

He was on the Canadian Expedition of 1711, for which he was among those paid in 1714.

central lot of the old Willett patent

"April 27, 1715: Thomas Willett of Flushing in Queens County, for the natural affection and fatherly love unto my well beloved son-in-law, William Hartshorn, and my daughter, Helena Hartshorn, wife to the said William Hartshorn of Middletown, New Jersey, and for divers considerations, grant and confirm to said William Hartshorn and Helena his wife land in New York City, being the one equal half of my Two lots that lyeth between the widow Teller's houses and Jacobus Dekey's house fronting on the Dock Street, said lot bounded East by Widow Teller's houses, West by my own lot, fronting Dock and Duke Streets, to have said lot with its appurtenances.

Witness: Jno: Willett."

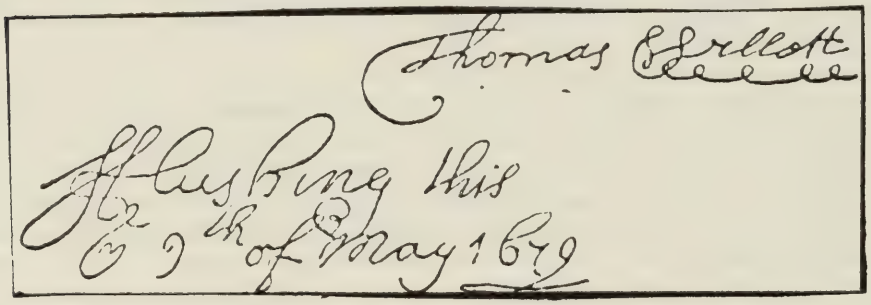
(NYD, 28-202)

He retired, at the age of 65 from public affairs, to Flushing, Long Island, where he lived in dignity and affluence until his death in September, 1722, at the age of 78. He

lived to have the satisfaction of seeing his oldest son, William Willett of Cornell's Neck, sitting continuously in the Provincial Assembly for Westchester County, while at the same time his second son, Thomas, continuously represented the County of Queens.

> "Colonel Thomas Willett of Flushing in signatures still extant writes his name as Willett, just as did Captain Thomas Willett, the first mayor of New York. There is a strong presumption that Colonel Willett, of Flushing, and Captain Thomas Willett, of Plymouth, were from the same family in England, and were perhaps cousins. Both of these men were prominent in their day. Each in his time was a member of the Governor's Council; Captain Thomas Willett from 1665 to 1672, and Colonel Thomas Willett from 1690 to 1697. They have often been confounded with one another, and Colonel Thomas, of Flushing, the younger of the two, has sometimes been called the son of Captain Thomas, while in fact, no one is able to trace with certainty any connection between them" (Cornell, page 240).

Autograph of Colonel Thomas Willett of Flushing



From a letter to Sir Edmund Andros in the Albany Records

It is interesting to note that Colonel Thomas Willett uses the old form of an "e" when writing his name.

Colonel Thomas Willett died in 1722. His will is given below:

> "Will of Thomas Willett of Flushing, Queens County, on the Island of Nassau, Gentleman.
>
> I leave to my eldest son, William Willett of Westchester, besides what I have already given him by deed, one of my slaves, my seal ring, my riding horse and saddle and its furniture, and my sword and pistols.
>
> I leave to my second son, Thomas Willett, of Flushing, all those lands in Flushing which I have given him by deed and various others (described) lands including a boggy meadow lying on the northeast side of a creek near the house where my son now lives.
>
> I leave to my son, Abraham, all those lands in Flushing and elsewhere where which I have formerly given him by deed and other lands (described), also a patentee right of land to the place where my son now lives.

I leave to my son, John, all those lands which I gave him by deed.
Other grants to sons, and a negro slave a piece.
I leave to my youngest daughter, Mary Willett, £ 12 besides a sum which I have secured to her, and as much of my moveable estate as will purchase for her household stuff to the value of my daughter Elizabeth Stevenson has already had.
I leave the rest of my moveables to my 3 daughters, Sarah Dekey, Elizabeth Stevenson, and Mary.
I make my four sons executors."
(NYHS-W, 11-256 from NYW, 9-336; Bailey, page 87).

Colonel Thomas Willett used the seal ring which was originally his father's to seal his will.

"The seal on the above 1722 will of Thomas Willett may be described as: 4 or 3 bars gemelles (according as one starts counting bar or space), in chief, 3 lions rampart; motto (unreadable)" (Bailey, page 2).

He bequeathed the seal ring to his son Thomas; Thomas did not use it on his own will dated and probated in 1733.
(Bookstaver, pages 27-52; Comstock, pages 3-7).

1. William (II): b 1668; of Westchester, New York; m 1st Anna Field; m 2d December 12, 1722, Mary (Hinchman) Bloodgood, widow; will April 20, 1733. See next G.1.2.1.

2. Sarah: b abt 1670; m May 9, 1694, Jacob Dekey. By 1698, she and her husband were in possession of one of the houses on the original 1645 Willett patent lots in New York City; they were given title to this lot in 1701 as part of her marriage portion. The Dekey's sold this lot in 1717.

3. Thomas: b 1672; of Queens County; m 1st August 24, 1695, Sarah Hinchman (d 1722); m 2d Keziah Horne; d November 30, 1724, age 52. See next G.1.2.3.

4. Mary: b 1674; m December 22, 1697, Richard Willett of New York City (see Chapter Nine). This Richard Willett is said to have come from St. Kitts. Mary was also given a lot for her marriage portion; d before 1701.

5. Elbert: b 1676; m Joanna Varick. See next G.1.2.5.

6. Charles: b 1678; is named son of Thomas in a deed of 1703/04; not mentioned in his father's will of 1722; no further record.

7. Helena: b December 22, 1680, bp March 27, 1681, in the Dutch Reformed Church at Flatbush, Long Island; m as the 2d of several wives on May 1, 1713, William Hartshorn of Middleton, Monomuth County, New Jersey; d May 1, 1715. See next G.1.2.7.

8. Cornelius: b 1683; d before 1722. "Cornelius Willett's Company received payment in 1714 for military services in the Canadian Expedition, evidently that of 1711. He was Sheriff of Queens County in 1708-1709 and its Treasurer in 1714; he was replaced in 1723" (Col. S., I-459; Bailey, page 87).

9. Abraham: b 1685; m May 1, 1713, Susanna Stephenson (or Stevens); became a Quaker; will December 21, 1756. See next G.1.2.9.

10. John: b 1690; a Quaker of Flushing, Long Island; m September 14, 1714, Mary Rodman. See next G.1.2.10.

11. Elizabeth: b 1692; "is listed in the 1698 census as the youngest daughter of Thomas." She m May 24, 1711, Daniel Stevenson of Newton (b abt 1692; d 1754 in Flushing) the son of Thomas and Ann Stevenson; d 1754.

12. Mary: b 1705; "named as the daughter of Thomas Willett in his will of 1722, and was the only issue of his second wife" (Bailey, page 88). She m March 16, 1723, Samuel Rodman (b December 20, 1703) the son of Dr. Thomas Rodman (of Flushing, Long Island, who became a Quaker; d April 11, 1774). She died May 21, 1751, age 46 years, and is buried in Newport, Rhode Island (Powell, 1895, page 283).

1. Thomas Rodman: b 1724.

2. Hannah Rodman: b 1725.

3. Charity Rodman: b 1728.

4. Samuel Rodman: b 1730.

5. William Rodman: b 1732.

6. Elizabeth Rodman: b 1736.

7. Ann Rodman: b abt 1738.

G.1.2.1
WILLIAM WILLETT of Westchester, Westechester County, New York

William Willett was born in 1668, probably at Flushing, Long Island. He married 1st, about 1690, Anna Field the daughter of Robert and Susannah Field of Newton, Long Island. The 1698 census of Westchester lists William Willett, wife Anna, children, Mary, Thomas, Gilbert, and an unnamed child who was probably William. According to Bailey:

> (William) "had settled in Westchester by 1696 when he was named as one of the original aldermen of Westchester in the 1696 charter creating it a Borough Town. He is the ancestor primarily of the Westchester County branch of the family, and there is no need to confuse him with his uncle, William, whose property on Cornell's Neck there, he obtained by 1702 deed from his father, Thomas. William Willett became prominent in Westchester County serving as one of its representatives in the New York Assembly. He was elected to the VIII Assembly of New York in 1701, and took his seat on September 11th. He was expelled a few days later, with some others, for presenting a paper alleging that the House was illegal, and the Speaker an Alien. The Asembly the following year (the IX) sustained them in his allegation, and declared all acts of the previous Assembly null and void. He was re-elected to the Assembly in 1702, and continued a member of that body until his death in 1733. He was also one of the two County Judges appointed from 1719, serving evidently until his death in 1733" (Bailey, page 88).

In 1722, he was bequeathed, by his father Colonel Thomas, "one of my slaves, my seal ring, my riding horse and saddle and its furniture, and my sword and pistols." The family seal ring had been in the possession of his grandfather, Thomas Willett of New Amsterdam in 1645, and probably was a family heirloom even then. The seal ring had on it what appears to be a Willett coat of arms, and had been used by Thomas Willett in 1722 to seal his will.

Also in 1722, he married as his second wife on December 12, 1722, Mary (Hinchman) Bloodgood, the widow of William Bloodgood.

William Willett wrote his will on April 20, 1733. His second son, William, succeeded him as Colonel of the Westchester Militia.

(Bookstaver, pages 33-34; Comstock, page 7-8).

> "Will of William Willett of Westchester Borough Town, dated April 20, 1733: mentions real estate on Long Island, and in Westchester; negroes, silver, wife Mary, sons, William, Thomas, Cornelius, daughters, Anna Jones, and Mary Rodman; son Gilbert, deceased, and also son Isaac; proved May 4, 1733" (Bailey, page 88).

1. Gilbert: b 1692; of Westchester County, New York; will December 29, 1731. See next G.1.2.1.1.

2. Mary: b September 5, 1693; m July 7, 1719, John Rodman (b May 14, 1679; d July 13, 1756), widower; d April, 1759.

3. William: b 1695; of Rye; m 1st abt 1733 Margaret Floyd (d 1749); m 2d 1753 Alice Colden (b September 27, 1725; d 1763); resided in Westchester County, New York; d 1775. See next G.1.2.1.3.

4. Anna: b 1704 at Flushing, Long Island; m November 22, 1722, David Jones, son of Major Thomas Jones (b September 16, 1699; d October 11, 1755). After the death of Anna (Willett) Jones on January 31, 1750, at the age of 46, the Honorable Judge David Jones married 2d Margaret Thomas, the daughter of the Reverend John Thomas.

5. Isaac: b 1706; m Isabella Morris; a Sheriff of Westchester County, New York; d May 6, 1774; no issue; owned Cornell's Neck which he bequeathed in 1774 to his nephew, Isaac, son of Thomas Willett. See next G.1.2.1.5.

6. Thomas: b 1708; m February 17, 1736, Abigail Stevenson; d 1764 in Middletown, Monmouth County, New Jersey. See next G.1.2.1.6.

7. Cornelius: b October 20, 1710; of Westchester; m Elizabeth. See next G.1.2.1.7.

G.1.2.1.1
GILBERT WILLETT of Westchester Borough Town, Westchester County, New York

Gilbert Willett was born in 1692. He lived in Westchester County, New York, and predeceased his father by 2 years. His will is dated December 29, 1731.

> "Will of Gilbert Willett of Westchester Borough Town, dated December 29, 1731; bequeaths lands in Westchester to my brother Isaac Willett provided he pay specified legacies to his brother Thomas Willett;
> To my sisters, Mary Rodman, and Anna Jones;
> To my brothers, William, Thomas, and Cornelius Willett;
> Legacies also to my honoured father, William Willett;
> And to my aunt, Sarah Doughty;
> And lands to my four brothers.
> Proved March 28, 1732" (Bailey, page 88).

G.1.2.1.3
Colonel WILLIAM WILLETT of Rye, Westchester County, New York

William Willett was born in 1695. He lived in Rye, Westchester County, New York. Rye is just north of New York City, and between Mamaroneck, Port Chester, and White Plains. He married, first, about 1733, a Mrs. Margaret (Floyd) Thomas (d 1749), the widow of the Rev. John Thomas of Hempstead, Long Island, and the daughter of Colonel Richard Floyd (NYHS-W, 2-340). Mrs Thomas brought with her children of her first marriage.

His stepchildren were:

1. John Thomas, Jr:

2. Margaret Thomas: m David Jones.

3. Glorianna Thomas m Edward Stevenson.

He was a member of the Christ Church, Rye; a member of the New York Assembly; and by 1756 a Colonel of the Westchester Regiments.

He married a second time, in 1753, Alice Colden (b September 25, 1725; 1763) the daughter of the Lieutenant Governor of the Province of New York, Cadwallader Colden. Her brother was David Alexander Colden, and her sister was Elizabeth DeLancey.

He died in 1775 in Rye, Westchester County, New York. He was fortunate in not seeing the American Revolution and the divisions it made in many of the Willett families of the area. His children were ardent Loyalists.

(Bailey, page 88; Comstock, page 8; The Record, volume 4, page 178).

1. William: b 1734; of Rye; d abt 1765. See next G.1.2.1.3.1.

2. Gilbert Colden: b 1755; m Susan Murray, the daughter of Robert Murray; he was a loyalist officer in the Revolutionary War who immigrated to Nova Scotia in 1783; d in New York February 1831 aged 76 years. See next G.1.2.1.3.2.

3. William: b abt 1757; died a minor?

4. Alice (Elsie): b abt 1758; m June 21, 1789, Henry Nichol, the son of Benjamin Nichol, counsellor-at-law.

5. Anne (Anna): b abt 1760; m 1781 or 1783 Thomas Colden (b 1754; d 1826), the son of Cadwallder Colden, Jr; no issue.

G.1.2.1.3.1
WILLIAM WILLETT of Rye, Westchester County, New York

William was born 1734. He lived in Rye, Westchester County, New York, where he died 1765, unmarried.

> "Will of William Willett, Jr., of Rye, dated November 28, 1755: mentions brother, John Thomas, Jr., Esquire, sister Margaret, wife of David Jones, sister Glorianna, wife of Edward Stevenson;
>
> Brother, Gilbert Colden Willett, minor;
>
> Bequeathed all my lands in Rye and Ulster County to my father, William Willett of Rye.
>
> Proved December 30, 1765, and adminstration granted on May 29, 1766 to William Willett, sole executor named" (Bailey, pages 88-89).

G.1.2.1.3.2
GILBERT COLDEN WILLETT and SUSAN MURRAY
of Queens County, Long Island, and Nova Scotia

Gilbert Colden was born in 1755. Not everyone was caught up in the patriot fever. Many a family, and many an individual could not be disloyal to the King who they and their families had served for generations. Gilbert Colden Willett was one of these. His uncle was a Lieutenant Governor of the Province. He was one of three Willett Loyalists (Charles and Edward were the others) who signed a petition for Royal favor (along with another 1293 freeholders and inhabitants of Queens County) on October 21, 1776.

He was a Captain of the Third DeLancey's Battalion of Loyalist soldiers and was stationed in Queens County. Oliver DeLancey was a Brigadier General of the Provincial Forces of North America, otherwise known as the British Legion. Other Brigadier Generals of Loyalists forces were Cortland Skinner of New Jersey, Montfort Brown and Benedict Arnold (whose Legion camped near Black Stump).

> "The Third Battalion, consisting of about three hundred privates, lay in almost every part of Queens County, but chiefly at Lloyd's Neck. There were separate companies at Herricks, Hempstead, Oyster Bay, Flushing, and Jamaica. They went on excursions for forage, and in pursuit of rebels, to most of Suffolk County, and sometimes crossed the Sound on plundering expeditions, or to bring off refugees and recruit from the main. At peace, they had lands granted to them in Nova Scotia, whither most of them went" (Onderdonk, pages 245-246).

Colonel Gab. G. Ludlow commanded the Third Battalion. Ludlow, along with his officers, among whom was Gilbert Colden Willett, were outlawed by the State of New York "for not only giving aid and assistance to the enemies of their country, but putting themselves in arms to enslave the same." In 1785, Colonel Ludlow became the mayor of St. John's, Nova Scotia. Gilbert Colden Willett was among the loyalists who immigrated to Nova Scotia in 1783. The Loyalist migration to the Maritime Provinces of Canada was not for everyone; many a Loyalist repented of their decision to leave their homes; Gilbert Colden must have done likewise, and returned to his native New York.

He married at Trinity Church, New York City, on July 6, 1785, Susan Murray (d 1808), the daughter of Robert Murray, of Murray Hill, New York. From 1799 to 1801, he was a Vestryman of Saint Mark's Church at the corner of 10th and 3rd Avenue, in the Bowery, New York City. He owned land in Ulster County, New York, in 1787, and 1793, and in New York City from 1789 until 1802, and a Lake George, New York, in 1794.

In 1810, he was living in Orange County, New York with (1) male between the ages of 26-45; (1) female under 10; and (1) female 16-26 years of age.

He died in New York in February, 1831, aged 76 years.

(Bailey, page 89; The Record, volume 4, page 178).

1. Mary Ann Colden: b abt 1786; m abt 1819 George Manning Tracey.

    1. Mary Colden Tracey: m Edward H. Hillman.

2. Beulah Hoffman: b abt 1788; m 1824 Jacob Treadwell (b 1775; d 1855).

G.1.2.1.5

ISAAC WILLETT of Westchester Borough Town, Westchester County, New York

Isaac Willett was born in 1706.In 1742, his brother, Cornelius Willett, sold him the east side of Cornell's Neck for £ 1200. He married on May 19, 1746, Isabella Morris (b May 13, 1711), the daughter of Lewis and Isabella Morris). His first wife must have died young. He married 2d Margaret Morris (d 1784). It is unknown if she was a sister of his first wife.

Isaac's brother, Thomas, died in 1764, and Isaac Willett raised his nephew, Isaac who was a teenager, as part of his own family.

He was a Sheriff of Westchester from 1737 until 1767. Isaac died on May 6, 1774, and he left no issue.

Isaac Willett died on May 6, 1774. He had owned Cornell's Neck and bequeathed it in his will (1774) to his nephew, Isaac (G.1.2.1.6.7), the son of Thomas Willett.

> "Will of Isaac Willett of Westchester Borough Town, Gentleman, dated January 30, 1770: bequeaths to wife Margaret for life all that neck called Cornell's Neck whereon I now live, and then equally the east part to my nephew, Isaac Willett, he to provide maintenance for his brother William Willett, and the west half to my nephew, Lewis Graham, although previously intented for my nephew Gilbert Colden Willett, the grandson of Governor Colden; said nephew, Isaac Willett, and Lewis Graham, were brought up in my family and are to live together in brotherly love;
>
> A good support for my brother William;
>
> Legacy and real estate in Flatlands, Kings County, etc., to my brother, Cornelius Willett;
>
> My nephew, Gilbert Willett to be assisted with a small legacy if needed, but not to pay his debts;
>
> As I have no children of my own to provide for, all my personal property to my wife;
>
> I request my wife in her discretion to support Anna McElworth until of age or married; education of Thomas and Anna McElworth to be provided.
>
> Executors: brother Cornelius, Lewis Graham, and my nephew Richard Morris; proved May 24, 1774" (Bailey, page 89).

Anna McElworth was his neice, the daughter of Thomas Willett (G.1.2.1.6) and sister to his nephew, Isaac Willett.

The nephew, Isaac Willett, received a large portion of this Isaac Willett's estate, including part of Cornell's Neck.

His widow, Margaret Willett, evidently died in 1784.

> "Will of Margaret Will of Westchester Borough, Westchester County, widow: to nephew Lewis Graham, Mary, Anna, Euphemia, and Gilbert, children of brother-in-law, Thomas Willett;
>
> Gilbert Colden, Alice, Alice and Anna, children of brother-in-law William Willett;

nephew Isaac Willett, Augustine, Morris, Charles, John, Isabella Landon, and Arabella, children of sister Graham, Anna McIlworth.

Personal estate (a silver tankard and soup spoon).

Executors: nephew Lewis Graham, and Dr. Daniel White.

Witnesses: Anthony Glean of said county, farmer, and Elizabeth Ashfield, and Jane Glean. Recorded ut supra, volume III, page 26" (Calendar of Wills, page 479).

(Comstock, page 9).

G.1.2.1.6

THOMAS WILLETT and ABIGAIL STEVENSON of Westchester County, New York, and Middletown, Monmouth County, New Jersey

Thomas was born in 1708. As a young man he was appointed a Captain in the Westchester Militia. He married on February 17, 1736, Abigail Stevenson (d February 22, 1768), the daughter of John Stevenson, and niece to the Charity Stevenson who had married on January 13, 1715, Colonel Thomas Willett (G.1.2.9), and Susannah Stevenson who had married in 1713, Abraham Willett (G.1.2.9).

He moved to Middletown, Monmouth County, New Jersey, about 1760, and lived there until his death.

"He was appointed Assistant Justice of Westchester County Court of Common Pleas and was living in Westchester as late as 1760. The records of Christ Church, Shrewsbury, shows he died in Middletown, new Jersey; in his aunt Hartshorne's burial ground there is his tombstone, stating he died August 24, 1764, in his 57th year" (Bailey, page 89).

Thomas Willett died on August 28, 1764, and is buried in the Hartshore Burying Ground, Middletown, New Jersey (Historical and Genealogical Miscellany, Stillwell, Volume II, page 295). His will is dated May 22, 1762.

"Will of Thomas Willett of Middletown, Monmouth County, New Jersey, dated May 22, 1762:

To: wife Abigail, negroes, silverware, etc;

To: daughter Mary Willett, a negro girl;

To: son Gilbert, a negro;

To: sons, Benjamin, Thomas, and John, a negro each;

The land where I live, lately purchased of Thomas Hunt, to be sold, and the money given to my wife and children, Gilbert, Benjamin, Thomas, John, Mary Willett, Isaac, James;

Executors: son Gilbert, and my brothers-in-law, John Stevenson, and Thomas Hicks.

Witnesses: James Stevenson, Edward Stevenson, and Richard Stillwell. Proved: September 13, 1764."

"November 16, 1764: Inventory £ 1,560 19s made by Richard Crawford, Jr., Samuel Hunt, and Edward Stevenson" (New Jersey Post Revolutionary Documents, Calendar of Wills 1761-1770, page 479).

The brother-in-laws mentioned in the will were those of his wife, Abigail Stevenson. (Bailey, page 89; Comstock, pages 9-11; Stevenson, page 53).

1. Thomas: b abt 1737; m October 11, 1757, Mary Embury; d 1794 in Middletown, New Jersey.

    1. Mary: b 1762; m abt 1785 Abraham Stout.

    2. Abigail: b 1775; m abt 1795, David Bowin; d June 9, 1847, age 72.

2. Gilbert: b about 1738; in 1759 a Lieutenant in the Westchester County Company; m December 4, 1761, Martha Oakley. They resided at Amenia, Dutchess County, New York. See next G.1.2.1.6.2.

3. Benjamin: b May 10, 1740; a Lieutenant of New York Provincials; d 1764.

4. Anastasia (Anna Statia): b about 1742; m (bond) October 3, 1760, Thomas McElworth (McIlworth); d before 1774.

    1. Thomas McElworth: b abt 1762.

    2. Anna McElworth: b abt 1765.

5. John Stevenson: b 1744; a Captain; m December 9, 1782, Esther Robinson; d February 2, 1791, in Philadelphi. (Comstock, page 12).

    1. Rachel: b July 3, 1789.

    2. Sarah Barry: b August 17, 1791.

6. Mary: b about 1747.

7. Isaac: b June 8, 1750; removed to Great Britain in 1792. See next G.1.2.1.6.7.

8. James: b about 1755.

9. Anna: b 1759; m William Bartow.

10. William: b about 1760.

11. Euphame: b abt 1762.

G.1.2.1.6.2
GILBERT WILLETT and MARTHA OAKLEY of Amenia, Dutchess County, New York

Gilbert Willett was born about 1738. In 1759, he was a Lieutenant in the Westchester County Company. He married on December 4, 1761, Martha Oakley. They resided at Amenia, Dutchess County, New York.
(Comstock, page 10).

1. Abigail: b 1763; d March 5, 1785, in her 23d year.

2. Mary: b abt 1765; m March 29, 1784, in Amenia, Dutchess County, New York, Samuel Pearce.

3. Thomas G: b abt 1767; m in the Fishkill Dutch Reformed Church on September 11, 1796, Sarah Brett.

    1. Edward: b October 16, 1799.

    2. Elizabeth: bp October 4, 1807.

    3. George Brett: b January 18, 1810; bp September 5, 1811.

    4. Thomas De Witt: bp May 28, 1815.

G.1.2.1.6.7
ISAAC WILLETT of Westchester County, New York, and Great Britain

Isaac Willett was born on June 8, 1750. He grew up in Westchester County. About 1760, his father moved to Middletown, Monmouth County, New Jersey. He was orphaned in 1764, and went to live with his uncle, Isaac Willett, in Westchester County, New York.

> (He) "lived in Westchester, brought up in the household of his uncle, Isaac Willett (G.1.2.1.5), the Sheriff, and one of the latter's chief heirs" (Bailey, page 89).

His uncle, Isaac Willett, died in 1774, leaving this Isaac most of the Willett estate at Cornell's Neck. In 1781, he was the executor of Dr. Cornelius Willett's will. Most all of his immediate family was of Loyalist sentiment, and most likely he was shared the Loyalist attitude of the rest of the family. It is not known if he participated in the Loyalist migration of 1783. Although many an avowed Loyalist immigrated, the great majority of Loyalists accepted their fate, stayed and made the best of their situation.
By 1792, Isaac had removed to Great Britain (The Record, volume 55, page 183).

> "Cornell's Neck, later called Clasen Point, was part of the 1643 patent to Thomas Cornell. Per Jenkins and Bolton, the west half was sold in 1793 by Lewis Graham's executors to Dominick Lynch, and the

east half sold the same year by Isaac Willett to Isaac Clasen" (Bailey, page 89).

(Bailey, page 89; Comstock, page 11).

G.1.2.1.7

CORNELIUS WILLETT and ELIZABETH OAKLEY of Westchester County, New York

Cornelius Willett was born October 20, 1710. He made his home in Westchester. In 1741, he married Elizabeth Oakley (b 1718; d May 14, 1792, age 74), the daughter of John and Martha Oakley. John Oakley was born on October 22, 1678; d 1722).

He was a wealthy farmer, and owned many slaves.

Cornelius Willett's grandson, Cornelius Willett Van Ranst, lived with them until his marriage to Miss Jane Warner.

Cornelius Willett died on May 4, 1781, age 71.

"Will of Cornelius Willett of Westchester Borough Town, Gentleman, dated January 19, 1781: mentions many negroes, land in Flatlands, Kings County, etc.

To wife, Elizabeth, while widow, the use of my 2 farms, etc;

My residuary estate in 6 equal shares to (1) daughter Rachel Haviland, and her son, William Leaycraft, minor; (2) daughter, Mary Graham, and her eldest son, Cornelius Willett Van Ranst; (3) my grandson, Edward Stevenson, minor; (4) my daughter, Mary, unmarried; (5) daughter, Sarah, unmarried; and (6) granddaughters, Elizabeth and Amelia Ogilvie, both unmarried minors; the latter 2 grandchildren are children of George Ogilvie and are to be bought up by my wife, Elizabeth;

My grandson, James Graham, and my granddaughter, Mary Graham, wife of Augustin Graham.

Executors: wife Elizabeth, daughter Martha Willett; nephew Isaac Willett, and 2 friends; proved June 11, 1781" (Bailey, page 90).

The two farms are understood to be in the Town of West Farms. His widow termed herself of West Farms in her will. Both are said to be buried at Hunt's Point (The Record, volume 55, page 153; WC 12, and 14).

(Bailey, page 90; Comstock, page 12).

1. Rachel: b March 7, 1742; m 1st July 10, 1764, Viner Leaycraft; m 2d Benjamin Haviland, Jr., the son of John Leaycraft; d 1817, in Rye, New York.

1. Willett Leaycraft: b abt 1766.

2. Elizabeth: b February 16, 1744; d 1772.

3. Mary: b March 16, 1746; m 1st October 9, 1762, John Van Ranst (d 1763); m 2d February 17, 1770, Augustine Graham, the son of James and Isabella (Morris) Graham;

resided at Pine Plain, Dutchess County, New York; d January 1, 1816, and is buried in Utica, New York. See next G.1.2.1.7.3.

4. Margaret: b January 4, 1748.

5. Anna: b February 7, 1750; m abt 1770 Frederick Philipse Stevenson (b 1752), the son of Edward Stevenson; she probably predeceased her father (1781).

1. Edward Stevenson: b abt 1772.

6. Martha: b September 8, 1753; m after 1781, Colonel Isaac Hatfield; removed to Nova Scotia; d 1786 in Digby, Nova Scotia.

7. Sarah: b 1755; unmarried in 1781; possibly m Berrian.

8. Amelia: b 1757; m August 6, 1777, Reverend George Ogilvie; probably predeceased her father (1781). See next G.1.2.1.7.8.

9. Aletta: b 1761; d 1783, agee 22, unmarried.

G.1.2.1.7.3
MARY WILLETT of Utica, New York

Mary Willett was born on March 16, 1746. She 1st on October 9, 1762, John Van Ranst. He was a mariner and was lost at sea off the coast of Cape Hatteras in the next year. Thus, Mary (Willett) Van Ranst had become a bride, mother, and widow, all within the space of one year.

Elizabeth (Willett) Van Ranst married, second, on February 17, 1770, Augustine Graham, the son of James and Isabella (Morris) Graham. They resided at Pine Plain, Dutchess County, New York. She died on January 1, 1816, and is buried in Utica, New York.

1. Cornelius Willett Van Ranst: b August 11, 1763; m 1st abt 1785 Miss Jane Warner; m 3d November 22, 1821, Mrs. Eleanor Catherine (Willett) Gardiner (b March 15, 1791; d December 25, 1862), the widow of David Gardiner of Long Island. In 1824, James Willett, probably Eleanor's father) transferred land to Cornelius Willett Van Ranst of New York City. Cornelius died on September 30, 1841.

2. Gauverner Willett Graham: b abt 1772.

3. Amelia Willett Graham: b abt 1775.

4. Elizabeth Willett Graham: b abt 1777.

G.1.2.1.7.8
AMELIA WILLETT and REVEREND GEORGE OGILVIE of New York

Amelia Willett was born in 1757. She married on August 6, 1777, Reverend George Ogilvie; probably predeceased her father (1781).

1. Elizabeth Anne Ogilvie: b 1779; m abt 1800 Thomas Belden of Fairfield.

2. Amelia Willett Ogilvie: b December 13, 1781; m abt 1800 Jabez Fitch Comstock of Wilton, Connecticutt, and of New York City.

1. William Ogilvie Comstock: b abt 1810.

1. Samuel Willett Comstock: belonged to the shipping firm which owned a fleet of clipper shippers. Authored several papers on the Willett family: "Willet Family of New Jersey," 1927; "Willett Families of New York and New Jersey," 1928.

G.1.2.3
THOMAS WILLETT of Queens County, Long Island

Thomas Willett was born in 1672. He lived in Queens County, Long Island, and married first on August 24, 1695, Sarah Hinchman (d 1722).

He is mentioned in the 1698 list of inhabitants of Flushing, along with his wife, Sarah, and a negro servant, Lay.

Thomas Willett was sworn in as a Captain of the Queens County Troop in 1703. As Captain, and then as Colonel, he served as a representative of Queens County in the New York Assembly. He served there regularly from 1716.

Sarah (Hinchman) Willett died in 1722. Her gravestone is on the old Willett property in Flushing, later known as the Colden Estate "Spring Hill."

"S. Willett/ D. 1722/ A. 52"

Thomas Willett inherited lands in Flushing from his father in 1722. At a minimum, this consisted of 120 acres which remained in the Willett family until 1762 when it would be sold to Lieutenant Governor Colden who would build his mansion "Spring Hill" on the property. Perhaps, he also inherited a substantial sum of money, because he was able to build a new house at this time.

Thomas Willett married second on July 20, 1723, Keziah Thorne, the daughter of Samuel Thorne, Jr. She was the mother of one child by this marriage. Thomas Willett died in 1724, and is buried in the "Ancient burying Place." His tombstone is inscribed:

"Died Nbr 30
A. D. 1724
Agd 52 yrs"

"Will of Thomas Willett of Queens County, dated November 30, 1724: arranged for support of minor daughter, Elizabeth, at one of her sisters, she was to have the clock that was her mother's;

arranged for the support of minor daugther, Keziah, by her mother;

residual personal property among the 4 daughters: Sarah Lawrence, Helena Whitehead, Elizabeth Willett, and Keziah Willett;

wife, Keziah, to have use of the new house, etc., while widow.

Residual real estate to wife, sons, John and Thomas, equally after taking into consideration the lands already given by testator to John.

Son Thomas to get the old part of the house and eventually the buildings, here given for use of wife, Keziah.

Proved December 9, 1724.

The four executors named in the above will are those following in the original paper in the surrogate's files. Renunciation on January 8, 1724/25 by Keziah Willett of Flushing, Thomas Willett of same, and Richard Betts, to ye end that the executorship be granted to John Willett, son and heir" (Bailey, pages 90-91).

Keziah (Thorne) Willett married second on January 25, 1727, James Hinchman. (Comstock, pages 14-15).

1. Sarah: b 1698; m April 11, 1717, Adam Lawrence.

2. John: b 1700/01; m June 24, 1722, Elizabeth Lawrence (b 1706; d October 19, 1773), the daughter of William and Deborah Lawrence; d January 14, 1787. See next G.1.2.3.2.

3. Charles: b abt 1702; d October 1719. "The Grace Church, Jamacia, records give the burial at Colonel Willetts of Charles Willett in 1719." In the eighteenth century, Colonel Willett's estate was known as the Colden Estate, "Springhill," and since the late nineteeth century, the land was known as the Cedar Grove Cemetery.

4. Thomas: b abt 1703; m September 31, 1725, Sarah Talman; d 1761. See next G.1.2.3.4.

5. Helena: b abt 1705; m May 17, 1719, (Daniel?) Whitehead.

6. Elizabeth: b 1721; her mother died the following year; m February 28, 1726, Benjamin Whitehead?

7. Keziah: b 1724.

G.1.2.3.2
JOHN WILLETT the "Loyalist" and ELIZABETH LAWRENCE of Flushing, Long Island

John Willett was born about 1700; possibly in 1701. He grew up in Queens County, Long Island. He was an Episcopalian and was known as "Junior" or "Judge." This was to distinguish him from his uncle and near contemporary, John Willett (G.1.2.10) the Quaker who likewised lived in Flushing to a good old age (Bailey, page 91).

On June 22, 1722, he married Elizabeth Lawrence at the Grace Church in Jamacia. In 1738, he was acting as a supervisor of Queens County; in 1741, he was a Justice of the Peace; and in 1743, he was a judge.

He lived through the revolution. At the time, he was growing old as a judge and was devoted to the English monarchy which he had served for nearly three decades.

> "He was the important local Loyalist, despite his age. His is the one name for Flushing Township appearing on the list of 26 persons in Queens County named by the Provincial Congress, at New York, on December 12, 1775, as arraying themselves in military manner to oppose the United Colonies. On January 3, 1776, on orders from the Continental Congress, Colonel Heard and nine hundred militiamen marched into Queens County because the majority of the inhabitants had deserted the American cause" by refusing to sent deputies to the convention of the colony (Bailey, page 92).

Colonel Heard's orders were to "disarm every person in Queens County who voted against sending Deputies, and cause them to deliver up their arms and ammunition on oath, and that he take and confine such as refuse compliance."

Colonel Heard landed on Long Island and proceeded through Newtown, and was at Jamaica on January 16, 1776, where he stayed at Betts Tavern. He had expected a warm welcome at Jamaica, but was disappointed. On the 26th, he was at Oyster Bay, stopping at Week's Tavern for two nights, and his men were billeted with the inhabitants. Colonel Heard came in for Tory ridicule (after his departure) as this fragment of an old colonial song clearly shows:

"Colonel Heard has come to town,
In all his pride and glory;
And when he dies he go to hell
For robbing of the Tory.

In PROVINCIAL CONGRESS,

NEW-YORK, Dec. 12, 1775.

WHEREAS this Congreſs has received undoubted Information, that a Number of diſaffected Perſons in Queen's County, have been ſupplied with Arms and Ammunition, from on board the Aſia Ship of War, and are arraying themſelves in military Manner to oppoſe the Meaſures taking by the United Colonies, for the Defence of their juſt Rights and Privileges. Ordered that, of

Jamaica Townſhip,
Captain Benjamin Whitehead,
Charles Ardin,
Joſeph French, Eſq;
Johannes Polhemius.

Newtown.
Nath. Moor,
John Moor, ſenior,
Samuel Hallet,
John Moor, junior,
William Weyman,
John Sheals,
Jeremias Rapalye.

Flufhing Townſhip.
John Willet.

Hempſtead Townſhip.
Juſtice Gilbert Van Wyck,
Daniel Kiſſam, Eſq; Cowneck.
Captain Jacob Mott,
Thomas Cornell, of Rockaway.
Gabriel G. Ludlow,
Richard Hewlet,
Captain Charles Hicks,
Doctor Martin,
Juſtice Samuel Clowes.

Oyſter-Bay.
Juſtice Tho. Smith, Hog-Iſland.
Juſtice John Hewlet,
Captain George Weeks,
Doctor David Brooks,
Juſtice John Townſend.

being charged as principal Men among the diſaffected in ſaid County, do attend this Congreſs, at Ten o'Clock, Tueſday Morning next, the 19th inſt. to give Satisfaction to this Congreſs in the Premiſes, and that they be protected from any Injury or Inſult during their coming to and returning from this Congreſs.

Colonel Heard has come to town,
A thinking for to plunder;
Before he'd done, he had to run
He heard the cannon's thunder.

And when he came to Hempstead town,
He heard the cannon rattle
Poor Colonel Heard, he ran away
And dared not face battle.

And now he's gone to Oyster Bay
Quick for to cross the water;
He dare no more in Hempstead stay
For fear of meeting with a slaughter.

Although the lyrics would have us believe that the Colonel was forced to leave Queens County, the truth is more mundane. After completing his mission, at a leisurely pace, Colonel Heard crossed back over the Sound, from whence he came. Never did he return. The British came soon afterwards, and stayed until the war was over. The British eventually quartered troops of DeLancey's Battalion in Queens County. They stayed for the remainder of the war.

As for the list of disaffected persons that Colonel Heard was carrying, he arrested 19 of the 26. The other 7 had fled Long Island, or were hiding in the swamps. Judge John Willett was one of those arrested. He was taken off to Philadelphia.

> "They were then taken to New York City and released under bond for peaceful deportment. On June 5, 1776, the Provincial Congress summoned 38 people from Queens County to show cause why they should be considered friends of the American cause, including John Willett and others holding office from the King. He was examined by the Whig committee in New York City and ordered to give £ 2,000 bond to do nothing in opposition to either Congress. On August 2, 1776, John Willett and 19 other disaffected persons were arrested in Queens County by order of Washington. They were sent to Connecticut, were placed on parole and permitted to walk about the streets; on December 9 they were allowed to go home, on giving £ 500 bond and parole to return when sent for (Bailey, page 91)."

Greene's list of the principal Tories on Long Island, in 1776, included four of the Willett name: Thomas Willett, Esquire., Sheriff of Flushing; Edward Willett, Charles Willett, and Judge Willett. It is a strange twist of fate, that men who supported a King who had provided security from Indian foes and foreign powers, protected the welfare of his citizens, and done everything which a good monarch was capable of, that these men should be considered by their kith and kin as vile opponents. Two of the Pennsylvania Willett's even had death warrants issued against them if they should ever return home. In Virginia, a Tory could not even go to Court to collect unpaid debts from so called "patriots." After the war, the Tories who remained were subject to ridicule, and often to unequal laws.

Many Tories were treated unequally; an example of this type of treatment concerns our Judge John Willett, Esquire. He had a mortgage upon a lot of valuable land. The principal value of this land was the timber which was on it. The mortgagor, one Van Loo, went off with the rebel army. Loo gave permission to Colonel Hamilton of the Queens County Militia, a man of opulent fortune, a supernumerary aide-de-camp to his excellency General Robinson, to cut down the wood and carry it away, and sell it for his use. This was done. Not a tree was left standing, and the mortgage premises sank by such means to a trifling value. This type of action was called taking "tory timber." The "tory timber" usually went into construction of ships, gun carriages, or others supplies needed by the Continental Army. (Bailey, page 93; Onderdonk, pages 47-48). At this time, John Willett was 80 years of age.

Judge Willett may have left in the great migration of 1783 and settled at Nova Scotia for a little while. The sight of the cold, and barren Nova Scotian lands which were being allotted by King George was enough to send even the most hardy "Tory" or "half-pay" soldier back to his old home. And Judge Willett was in his eighties. It is not positive he went, but for whatever reason he soon appeared at Long Island. Judge John Willett, the great Tory, died in 1787. The Grace Church, Jamaica, records contains the following terse item on his death:

> "January 14, 1787, James Willett paid for the pall for Judge Willett" (Bailey, page 92).

Even this terse item tells a little about John Willett. He was buried in a coffin, since a pall is a decorative cover for the coffin. A pall had several uses. At one time, it hid the men who actual bore the weight of the coffin on their shoulders. The official pallbearers would walk along side the coffin with their hand holding onto a handle, but not actually carrying any of the weight of the coffin. A pall would often be highly decorated, not an item to be buried, but one to be used over and over by other descendents. If an individual was buried in a plain unadorned coffin, the pall acted as a cover until the coffin was lowered in the open grave, thus concealing the expense or lack of expense of the actual coffin.

John Willett left a will which was proved on January 19, 1787.

> "Will of John Willett of Flushing Town, farmer, dated December 7, 1785: bequeaths all my lands within 2 miles of my dwelling to my grandson, Lawrence Willett, and to my grandson, John Willett, equally, each to release to the other when he reaches 21 years of age; during the infancy of John Willett his portion to be used toward his maintenace and education.
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> Balance of my personal estate: one-third to daughter, Deborah Hewlett, and her 2 children: Lawrence Hewlett and Elizabeth Davenport;
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> One-third to daughter, Helena Willett, and her 3 children: James Willett, Thomas Willett, and Sarah Tallman;
>
> One-third to granddaughter, Elizabeth Willett Halleck.
>
> Mentions granddaughter, Sarah Morrell.
>
> Executors: Lawrence Hewlett and James Hewlett.
>
> Probated January 19, 1787"
>
> (Bailey, page 91).

(Comstock, page 16).

1. James: b abt 1724; m abt 1745 (wife's name unknown); resided in Queens County, Long Island; d 1765. See next G.1.2.3.2.1.

2. Helena: b 1725; m Charles Willett (G.1.2.3.4.1), the son of Thomas Willett; Charles Willett is the "brother" who administers James' estate.

3. Deborah: bp July 3, 1726, at Jamaica; m abt 1748 Josiah Hewlett; living in 1787.

    1. Lawrence Hewlett: b abt 1750.

    2. Elizabeth Hewlett: b abt 1752; m Davenport.

4. Elizabeth: bp May 5, 1728; m by licence May 6, 1772, Thomas Hallett.

5. Sarah: bp October 16, 1729; m by licence November 12, 1767, James Morrell (b April 5, 1748; d May 6, 1813). James Morrell was a Loyalist and after the war a refugee. Sarah d August 20, 1810. Both are buried in Grace Churchyard, Jamaica.

G.1.2.3.2.1
JAMES WILLETT of Queens County, Long Island

James Willett was born about 1724. There is no record of his marriage; but, it would only be natural to assume that he married about 1745. He died in 1765.

Comstock (1928) calls him Jimes (Comstock, page 16).

He predeceased his father by two decades. There is much confusion about his children, and Lawrence and John Willett or only tenatively ascribed to this James Willett.

> "Estate of James Willett, late of Queens County, yeoman, deceased: administration thereon granted August 13, 1765, to his brother, Charles Willett (G.1.2.3.4.1) of Flushing, yeoman (N. Y. Admin. Lib. 3 ½, page 226).

1. John: b abt 1760; m in Flushing on May 12, 1782, Mary Northstrand; removed to Middlesex, Monmouth County, New Jersey.

2. Lawrence: b 1767 at Long Island; m abt 1786 in Nova Scotia Jennette Snediker; d 1818. See next G.1.2.3.2.1.2

G.1.2.3.2.1.2
LAWRENCE WILLETT and JENNETTE SNEDIKER of Nova Scotia

Lawrence Willett was born in 1767, probably at Flushing, Long Island. He probably was taken to Nova Scotia by his mother in the great Loyalist migration of 1783. About 1786 he married in Nova Scotia Jennette Snediker, the daughter of Elbert and Maria (Rapelje) Snediker.

There is much confusion over the parentage of Lawrence Willett. He is usually described as a son of John Willett and Mary Rodman (see G.1.2.10). However, it seems more likely that he was a grandson of the old Loyalist, Judge, John Willett. More work needs to be done to unravel this particular family.

Evidently, Lawrence Willett and family returned to Flushing, Long Island. He died in May, 1824.

> "Will of Lawrence Willett of Flushing, dated May 14, 1824: names daughters Mary and Harriet, sons William, Elbert, John, and Marinus. Probated June 9, 1824 (Bailey, page 91).

(Bookstaver, page 42; Comstock, pages 16-17).

1. William: b abt 1783? m Jane; d before 1841.

2. Elbert: b abt 1784? living in Flushing in 1841.

3. Mary: b August 5, 1788; d 105 in Wisconsin.

4. Jane: b 1800; d before 1824.

5. John: b 1803; m November 3, 1835, Margaret Willett (b 1806), the daughter of Samuel Willett and Leah de St. Croix of Nova Scotia; d 1856. See next G.1.2.3.2.1.2.5.

6. Marinus (twin): b 1806; d before 1811.

7. Harriet (twin): b 1806; m abt 1830 Timothy Wooden?

8. (child): b 1810; d March 19, 1823, age 13.

9. Mary: b September, 1811; d 1841.

G.1.2.3.2.1.2.5
JOHN WILLETT and MARGARET WILLETT of Nova Scotia

John Willett was born in 1803 in Nova Scotia. He married about 1825 Margaret Willett the daughter of the old Loyalist Samuel Willett of Nova Scotia. He died in 1856.

(Bookstaver, page 47; Comstock, page 17)

1. Mary H: b February 15, 1837, in Flushing; m abt 1860 John H. Whitford of Albany, New York.

    1. John R. Whitford: b 1866.

    2. Margaret H. Whitford: b 1868.

    3. Charles Whitford: b 1871.

2. Samuel A: b 1839; d 1850.

3. John S: b 1841; removed to California.

4. Aaron B: b June 26, 1844; m Leona Baldwin. See next G.1.2.3.2.1.2.5.4.

5. Leonard C: b 1847; d 1859 in Wisconsin.

6. Harriet: b 1851; unmarried; removed to Wisconsin.

G.1.2.3.2.1.2.5.4
AARON B. WILLETT and LEONA A. BALDWIN of Wisconsin

Aaron B. Willett was born on June 26, 1844. He married about 1865 Leona A. Baldwin of Wisconsin.
(Bookstaver, pages 51-52; Comstock, page 18).

1. Leonard A: b 1870 (twin).

2. Laura H: b 1870 (twin); m 1896 W. Davis of Iowa.

3. Frederick S: b August 19, 1872; m April 8, 1896, Adalaide E. Howard; of Chicago. (Bookstaver, page 52).

1. Maurine: b May 13, 1897.

2. Albert H: b 1873.

G.1.2.4.3
THOMAS WILLETT and SARAH TALMAN of Flushing, Long Island

Thomas Willett was born about 1703, probably at Flushing, Long Island. He married on September 31, 1725, at Grace Church, Jamaica, Sarah Talman.
(Comstock, page 15).

"Will of Thomas Willett of Flushing, Gentleman, dated November 30, 1761: bequeaths to my wife, Sarah, the use of the east part of my dwelling where I now live, etc., while a widow;
to my only daughter, Mary, wife of Thomas Lawrence of Flushing, personal property, slaves, and £ 1,000;
mentions grandchildren, Sarah Willett Lawrence, Betsey Willett Lawrence, and James Willett Lawrence, minor.
To my son, Charles Willett, all my property in Flushing and elsewhere.
Executors: my son Charles, and my son-in-law, Thomas Lawrence.
Witnesses: Susannah Willett, John Willett, John Willett, Jr.
Proved December 21, 1761" (Bailey, page 91).

1. Charles: b abt 1727; m his first cousin, Helena Willett (H.1.2.3.1.3), the daughter of John Willett. Charles' name is on the Loyalist petition, and also on Greene's list of Tories; both lists dated 1776; d 1780. See next G.1.2.4.3.1.

2. Mary: b abt 1730; m Thomas Lawrence (b July 31, 1724; d November 4, 1795), the son of Samuel and Mary Hicks Lawrence. They lived in Flushing.

1. Sarah Willett Lawrence:

2. Betsey Willett Lawrence:

3. James Willett Lawrence:

G.1.2.4.3.1
CHARLES WILLETT and HELENA WILLETT of Flushing, Long Island

Charles Willett was born about 1727, probably at Flushing, Long Island. He married his first cousin, Helena (Ellena) Willett (H.1.2.3.1.3), the daughter of John Willett.
Charles' name is on the Loyalist petition, and also on Greene's list of Tories; both lists dated 1776. He died in 1780.
(Comstock, page 15).

"Will of Charles Willett of Flushing, dated June 15, 1767: provides for maintenance for wife, Helena, while a widow;
bequeaths to daughter, Sarah Willett, £ 1,000, etc.,
to my son, James, half of the lands out of the farm formerly Jeremiah Rapalye's;

and to my son, Thomas, half of my lands, to be the farm where I now live.

Executors: Joseph Hewlett, and Joseph Field.

Witnesses: Robert Moreell, Thomas Willett, and Edward Willett.

Proved October 5, 1780" (Bailey, page 91).

1. Sarah: b 1759; m 1st 1778 William Tallman; m 2d abt 1790 Robert Whiting; d July 7, 1797, aged 38 years. She is buried in the "Ancient burying Place" on the old Willett homestead, which after 1762, became the Colden estate "Spring Hill" and now is the Cedar Grove Cemetery (The Record, 1873, volume 4, page 168).

    1. Willett Tallman Whiting: b 1786; d April 12, 1792, age 6 years.

2. James: b 1761, of Flushing; m April 12, 1783, Rachel Kenneday (d on March 26, 1823, age 55); d February 26, 1837, in Williamsburg, aged 77 years. See next G.1.2.4.3.1.2.

3. Thomas: b abt 1762? m 1st Sarah (b 1769; d December 9, 1800, age 31); m 2d Helena; d 1809. (Comstock, page 18).

    1. Elizabeth: b July 23, 1795.

    2. Margaret L: b August 24, 1798.

    3. Mary Ann: b abt 1800.

G.1.2.4.3.1.2

JAMES WILLETT and RACHEL KENNEDAY of Flushing, Long Island

James Willett was born in 1761 at Flushing. He married on April 12, 1783, Rachel Kenneday (d on March 26, 1823, age 55). He died on February 26, 1837, in Williamsburg, aged 77 years. (Comstock, pages 15-16).

1. John: b 1784; m January 19, 1811, Jane Raplye, the widow of Raplye who died in 1809.

2. Sarah: b March 11, 1786; m May 14, 1805, John Cole.

3. Thomas: b November 5, 1789; m abt 1825 Eliza.

    1. Ann Augusta: bp August 7, 1830.

    2. Edwina Coles: bp August 7, 1830.

4. Helena: b March 6, 1792.

5. Mary Ann: b March 28, 1792?

G.1.2.5

ELBERT WILLETT and JOANNA VARICK of Queens County, Long Island

Elbert Willett was born in 1676 probably at Flushing, Queens County, Long Island, New York. He was named after his maternal grandfather, Captain Elbert Elbertse Stoothoff. It was also in 1676, that Long Island had just been retaken by the English in the last of the Dutch Wars. He married at the Dutch Reformed Church on May 7 (or 10, or 13), 1701, Joanna Varick, also called Annatje Van Varick, the daughter of the Reverend Rudolph Van Varick and Margaret Visboom. Joanna's brother was Marinus Van Varick.

In 1702/03, Elbert was sworn in as an officer of the Queens County Troop. In 1705/06, Lieutenant Willett was Sheriff of Queens County, Long Island. In entering both public and militia responsibilities, Elbert Willett was following the traditions of public service which seem to abound in this branch of the Willett family.

Unfortunately, after a beginning with so much promise, Elbert Willett became mortally ill, and died in 1706 at the age of 30.

> "Will of Elbert Willett, late of Flushing and now Jamaica, sick, dated August 10, 1706: instructs executors to sell all my lands in Jamaica, and if necessary for the maintenance of my wife and children, also to sell not over one-third of my lands in Flushing;
>
> instructs sale of my lands in Flatlands, King County, and the produce thereof put out for use of my daughter Margaret till her marriage or her 21st year;
>
> names wife Joanna;
>
> my son Edward all my lands in Flushing except as above.
>
> Executors: brothers Major William Willett of Westchester, and Captain Thomas Willett of Flushing.
>
> Witness: Samuel Clowes.
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> Codicial August 11, 1706, at Jamaica: named father Colonel Thomas Willett, and mentions brothers and sisters (unnamed)" (NYW, 7-271 and Surrogate's Files).

His orphaned children were raised by their mother in Flushing. Thus, Edward, Margaret, and Elbert, never knew their maternal father, but were raised under the guidance and care of their grandparents.

(Bailey, page 156; Bookstaver, page 36; Comstock, page 18; New York Genealogical and Biographical Record, Volume XLVII, 1916, pages 120-121).

1. Edward: b 1702; m at Jamaica, Long Island, on May 9, 1722, Aletta Clowes, the daughter of Samuel Clowes; d December 8, 1794, age 93. See next G.1.2.5.1.

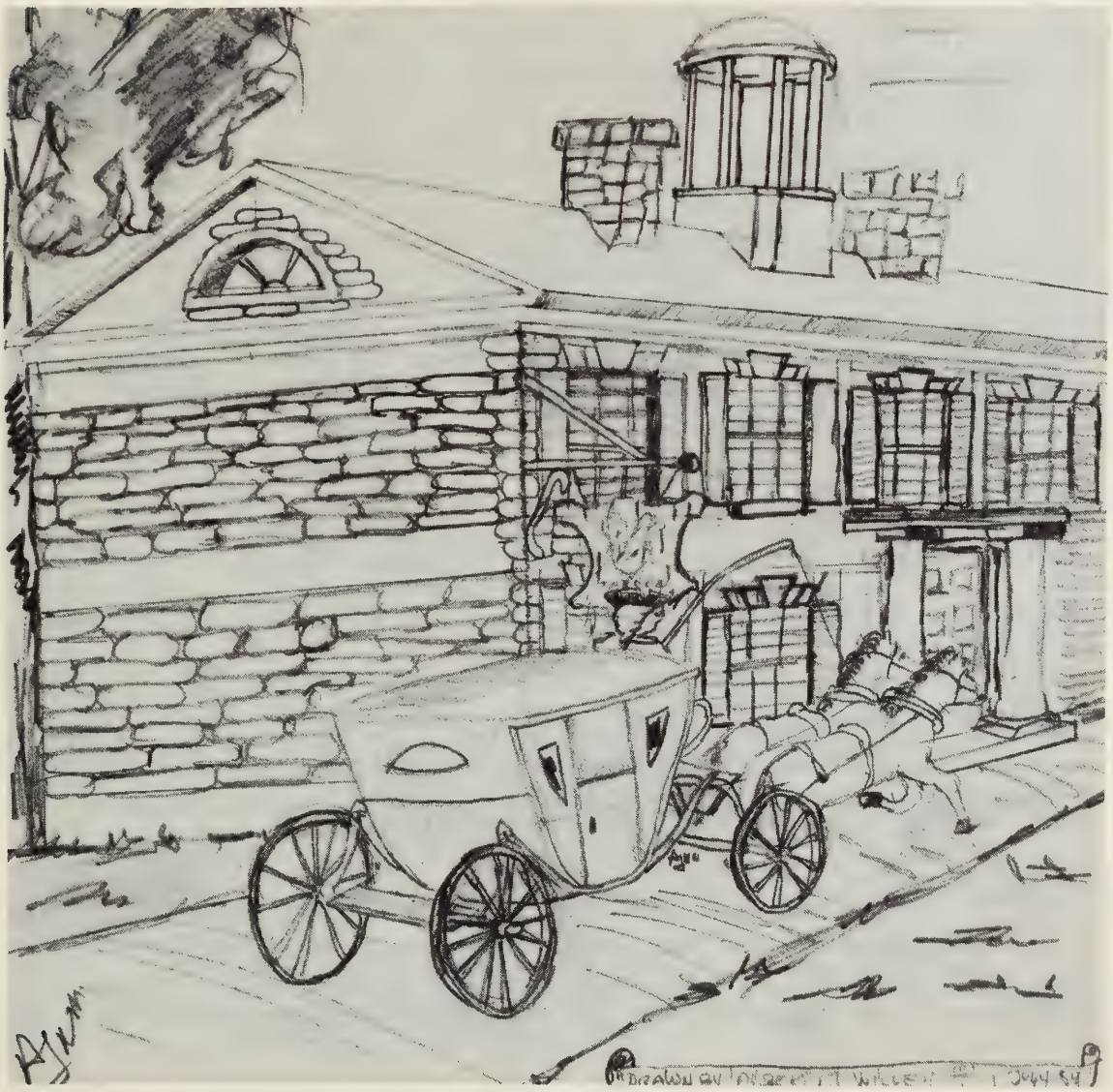
2. Margaret: b 1704; m May 21, 1726, Anthony Whitehead; d 1771.

3. Elbert: b 1706; born after his father's death.

G.1.2.5.1
EDWARD WILLETT and ALETTA CLOWES of Jamaica, Long Island, New York

Edward Willett was born in 1702 at Jamaica, Queens County, Long Island. He was orphaned when he was barely two years old and raised by his mother in Flushing; thus, he never really knew his father. He also inherited (1706) all the lands of his father that were in Flushing. He married at Grace Church, Jamaica, on at 9 P. M. on Wednesday, May 9, 1722, Aletta Clowes (d Oct 3, 1780, at age 76), the daughter of Samuel Clowes, Esquire, of Jamaica, and Katherine Douw. They lived at Jamacia, Long Island.

> "Termed himself of Flushing, the only son of Elbert, deceased, when on November 18, 1723, he sold Jamaica lands brought by his father in 1706" (Bailey, page 156).



Presumbly, his brother Elbert had died young or in infancy between 1706 and 1723. He was the Mr. Willett of exemplary life and conversation who taught school with diligence, and who in 1732 was voted £ 15 a year. He taught school for the Honorable Society for Propagting the Gospel in Foreign Parts in New York City from January, 1734, until October, 1741. In 1737, he was teaching 43 "scholars."

> "Edward Willett had an interest in the New York City region as early as 1732, when he offered for sale a large brick house near the New York Ferry on Long Island, recently occupied by James Hardin."

He did not removed to New York City until the 1740s, since the son, Marinus, is said to have been born in Jamaica. Edward acquired the priviledge of operating the New York to Long Island ferry. Edward subleased the ferry priviledge in 1745, and his rent of it was reduced in 1747.

For over 25 years, he was a prominent tavernkeeper in New York. He was proprietor of at least 4 taverns there. One had been erected in 1748. He operated other taverns in 1752 to 1754, 1754 to 1762, and in 1775. The best known of these taverns was the "Province Arms" (or "City Arms," "York Arms," etc.), at the present 115 Broadway near Trinity Church (then known as Broadway at Thames Street). Previously, this tavern was a mansion of the Honorable James de Lancey (DeLancey), Lieutenant Governor of the Province of New York. The mansion was of stone, 2 storeys high, with a cupola, and from the back piazza, across a sloping lawn, one had an unobstructed view of the Hudson River and the Palisades. Edward Willett opened the mansion as a tavern in 1754 by Willett. Under his able management, it became very popular rendevous and was patronized by the elite of the city's society. Assembly Balls were held there forthnightly during the season. It was the outstanding hostelry of the town. It had five adjoining tables, and was handy to the Boston Post Road and the North River and Brooklyn ferries. Its proximity to the fashionable "church walk" added to its distinction. In 1774, Samuel Adams stopped here on his way to Philadelphi.

Edward Willett was an ardent "Loyalist" and "a great Tory." It must have been a great contradiction to him when his son, Marinus, became a foremost leader in the Sons of Liberty. Probably because of his personal sentiments, Edward Willett retired to Jamaica, Long Island, when the Revolutionary War began. In July, 1776, as Edward Willett, Jr., the patriots ordered him arrested for the action of (his cousin) Thomas Willett (H.1.9.6), Sheriff, as well as the latter's brother, Edward (H.1.9.8), and others of the Willett family.

Long Island remained garrisoned by British soldiers throughout the war. In November, 1777, the town of Jamaica appointed him to inspect wood.

Edward Willett, of Jamaica, advertized for sale in "Rivington's Gazette" in March, 1778, a tract of 12,000 acres in Minisink country (probably New Jersey), along with a first rate negro wench with two very fine children.

Aletta (Clowes) Willett had this to say about her marriage:

> "We became members of the Church of England soon after our marriage, and walked heart and hand together to the house of God near 58 years and a half."

Edward must have overcome any animosity he may have felt for his patriot son, Marinus. Edward left no will of record. He died at the age of 93 in 1794 in the home of his son. The tombstones of Aletta and Edward Willett are in the burial yard of the Episcopalian Grace Church, Jamaica. Edward stone says:

> "Died the 1st of December, 1794, aged 93 years; The husband of one wife 58 ½ years."

Also in the burial yard is a tombstone to Samuel Clowes, who died August 27, 1760, age 86 years (Bailey, page 156).

Edward Willett wrote the little book The Matrimonial Life of Edward Willett, published in New York in 1812 by his son. The "little" book of 35 pages is unusual in its size of only 2 inches by 3 inches. The only known original copy in existence may be seen in the rare book room of the Queensborough Public Library. Because of its uniqueness (and brevity) it is reproduced in its entirety as Appendix B.

(Comstock, page 19; New York Genealogical and Biographical Record, Volume XLVII, 1916, pages 119-123).

1. Aletta: b February 12, 1723; baptised February 17; taught in her father's school in 1734, 1735, and 1736; d September 17, 1741, age 18.

2. Elbert: b September 12, 1724; baptised September 20; a student in his father's school from 1734 until 1737; d August 19, 1738, and is buried in the Parish Churchyard at Jamaica, Long Island. "Here lyes the Body of Elbert Willett Son of Edward and Aletta Willet who departed this Life ye 19th of August Anni 1738, Being ye 14th year of his Age" (New York Genealogical and Biographical Record, Volume 109, 1978, pages 1-4).

3. Samuel: b October 8, 1726; m and lived at Black Rock, near Flushing, Long Island. See next G.1.2.5.1.3.

4. Joanna: b October 22, 1728; a student at her father's school from 1734 until 1741; d May 25, 1749.

5. Edward: b April 17, 1731; m 1st June 19, 1752, Elizabeth Bodine of Lebanon, New Jersey; m 2d August 27, 1762, Mary Gale; d September 8, 1774, at Albany, New York. See next G.1.2.5.1.5.

6. Isaac: b 1732; m abt 1752; d at sea in the Old French War in 1759. See next G.1.2.5.1.6.

7. Catherine: b December 8, 1734; a student in his father's school from 1738 until 1741; d August 19, 1746.

8. Margaret: b November 13, 1736; a student in her father's school in 1741; d July 25, 1811.

9. Elbert: b October 20, 1738; a student in his father's school in 1741. In 1757-1767, he was a private in Captain Wine's Company, New York. He married on November 19, 1763,

Catherine Abeel (b 1735; d May 15, 1823, age 88). They resided in Fishkill, Troy, and Albany, New York. He died on February 1, 1828, age 90.

1. Catherine Willett Abeel (adopted): b abt 1765; m abt 1790 Clark; d after 1854.

10. Marinus: b July 31, 1740, at Jamaica, Long Island; m 3 times; d August 23, 1830. See next G.1.2.5.1.10.

11. Catherine: b March 30, 1747; d September 8, 1772.

12. Joanna: b December 26, 1750.

G.1.2.5.1.3
SAMUEL WILLETT of Black Rock, Flushing, Long Island

Samuel Willett was born on October 8, 1726. He was married and lived at Black Rock, near Flushing, Long Island.
(Comstock, page 19).

1. Edward S: b 1750; m January 1, 1774, Sarah Fryer (d December 30, 1831, age 79), the daughter of John Fryer of Albany; he was living in Albany, New York, in 1783; d in Albany on April 23, 1810, age 60. See next G.1.2.5.1.3.1.

G.1.2.5.1.3.1
EDWARD S. WILLETT and SARAH FRYER of Albany, New York

Edward S. Willett was born in 1750. He was baptised at Trinity Church, New York City, in 1753. He married on January 1, 1774, Sarah Fryer, the daughter of John Fryer of Albany, New York. (Comstock, page 19).

1. Samuel: b November 2, 1775.

2. Annitie: b February 9, 1778, m abt 1800 David Grossbeak; d 1810, age 33.

3. Catherine: b June 14, 1780; m abt 1800 Visscher.

4. Lydia: b December 9, 1782; d 1815.

5. Edward: b October 12, 1786; m May 6, 1805, Margaret Hansen (Calendar of Wills, page 483). (Comstock, page 20). See next G.1.2.5.1.3.1.5.

G.1.2.5.1.3.1.5
EDWARD WILLETT and MARGARET HANSEN of Albany, New York

Edward Willett was born on October 12, 1786. He married on May 6, 1805, Margaret Hansen (b December 24, 1788; d July 29, 1846). He died on May 14, 1815. In his will he mentions "My brother-in-law, Isaac Hansen." (Comstock, page 20).

1. Ann Eliza: b March 31, 1808; d February 26, 1847, age 39.

2. Edward S: b 1812; m abt 1832 Elizabeth McC. (b 1812; d June 12, 1878, in Albany, age 68); d November 14, 1878, age 66, in Troy, New York.

1. Ann Elizabeth: b abt 1833; m Thomas B. Potter.

2. Margaret J: b abt 1835; m Frank Bondarn.

3. Joanna T. D: b abt 1837.

4. Edward S: b October 23, 1838; d June 26, 1842, age 3.

5. Sarah: b April 1, 1845; d April 17, 1845.

G.1.2.5.1.5
EDWARD WILLETT of Albany, New York

Edward Willett was born on April 17, 1731. He married 1st June 19, 1752, Elizabeth Bodine of Lebanon, New Jersey. They (may have) lived in Lebanon, Hunterdon County, New Jersey, for a time. He married 2d August 27, 1762, Mary Gale.
He died September 8, 1774, at Albany, New York.
(Comstock, pages 20-21).

1. Elbert: bp June 29, 1753, in Trinity Church, New York City, by Reverend John Ogilive; lived in Fishkill, New York, 1785-1794; in Troy, New York, 1795-1803. He was a member of the Fishkill Episcopal Church; m abt 1775 Elizabeth, possibly the daughter of Peter Brogardus. (Comstock, page 21).

2. Jacob: b 1755; d March 11, 1757, buried in Bosking Presbyterian Churchyard, Somerset County, New Jersey.

3. Edward: b abt 1757; in Albany, New York in 1801; m Jane; living 1823.

4. Aletta: b 1756; m April 4, 1784, Jacob Fonda, the son of Abraham Fonda; d December 10, 1838, age 82.

1. Elbert Willett Fonda: b March 4, 1794.

5. Isaac: b December 20, 1767; died young.

6. Isaac: b April 4, 1769; m abt 1790 Elizabeth Van Woest (d June 24, 1832); d before 1832. (Comstock, page 21).

1. Elbert Isaac: b 1793; m abt 1815 Elizabeth; resided in 1860 in Troy, New York; also lived at Pittstown, Renns County, New York; d March 25, 1856, at Troy, New York, age 63 years, 8 months, 14 days. (Comstock, page 21).

1. Charles E: b abt 1820; of Troy, New York.

2. Cathalina: b September 28, 1794.

3. John Van Woest: b July 7, 1798.

4. Jacob: b June 4, 1800.

7. Samuel: b October 30, 1772, in Albany; possibly died in 1774.

8. Marinus: b February 15, 1775, in Albany; bp March 19, 1775, in Albany in the Dutch Reformed Church.

G.1.2.5.1.6
ISAAC WILLETT of New York

Isaac Willett was born in 1732. He was a student in his father's school from 1734 until 1741.

He must have married about 1751. He was commissioned a Lieutenant about 1755. He was a Lieutenant of an English privateer in the old French War.

> "(T)he vessel on which he was engaged (was) swept away in a hurricane in the French War of 1758, and all on board loss at sea" (Colonel Marinus Willett, the Hero of Mohawk Valley, Wager, 1891, page 3).

1. (son): b abt 1752.

2. (son): b abt 1753.

3. Mary: b abt 1755.

4. Anne: b abt 1757; m abt 1780 William Bartow (b 1759).

H.1.2.5.1.10
MARINUS WILLETT, Revolutionary War Hero, and Mayor of New York City

Marinus Willett was born on July 31, 1740, (Old Style) at Jamaica, Long Island. Marinus was named for his paternal grandmother's brother, Marinus Van Varick (Bailey, page 157).

> "The first circumstance of a public nature that made an impression on his mind was as a lad of 15 or 16 in New York when several English men-of-wars seized for their crews even respectable citizens. In 1758, he served as a private in Captain John McEver's New York regiment composed mainly of Long Islanders" (Bailey, page 158).

He served with General Abecromby in his unsuccessful expedition against the French Fort Ticonderoga, and later he participated in Colonel John Bradstreet's campaign against Fort Frontenac.

On April 2, 1760, he married, in Trinity Curch, Mary Pease (d July 1, 1793). This marriage ended in divorce after the Revolutionary War.

He was one of the earliest and most radical of the Sons of Liberty in New York City. On April 23, 1775, he aided in the attack on the arsenal. A committee of 100 patriots was in charge of the city at the time. The Asia, a British frigate was in the harbor ready to transport the British troops to Boston. An agreement had been reached which permitted the British to withdraw peacefully, but only with their personal arms. However, the British began moving carts down towards the wharf. On June 6, Marinus Willett stepped boldly forward and stopped the leading horse-cart. A British Major rode up. After a heated discussion, young Willett turned the cart up Broadway and the arms were safely put away for the future use of the patriots. He and his associates had seized arms from the British forces which were evacuating the city, an act that was disavowed by the Provincial Congress. A memorial tablet is at the corner of Broad and Beaver Streets, New York City. It is inscribed:

"To commemorate the gallant and patriotic
act of Marinus Willett in here seizing
June 6th, 1775, from the British forces the
muskets with which he armed his
troops. This tablet erected by
the Society of the Sons of the
Revolution. New York, Nov., 1892.

Born July, 1740. Marinus Willett. Died Aug., 1830.
Officer of New York Militia 1775-1778. Sheriff of New York 1784-1792.
Mayor of New York 1807-1808. President of Electoral College 1824."

From the outbreak of the Revolution, he served the Continental Army.

> "From June 28, 1775, to May 9, 1776, he served as a Captain in Alexander McDougall's 1st New York Regiment. Participating in 1775, in the invasion of Canada under General Montgomery, he was left in command of Fort St. Johns, and was captured on November 3rd. Returning after a brief period to New York City, he was commissioned Lieutenant Colonel, 3rd New York Regiment, on November 21, 1776, and placed in command of Fort Constitution."

In May, 1777, he was ordered to Fort Stanwix, where he was second in command under Colonel Gransevoort. The fort was beseiged by the British under Colonel Barry St. Leger and repeatedly attacked. General Herkimer was sent with a relief force to lift the seige. Instead, the British ambushed the relief column. Willett distinguished himself by leading volunteers from the fort and made a successful sortie against the enemy. General Herkimer was mortally wounded, but the colonials prevailed. The British were forced to lift the

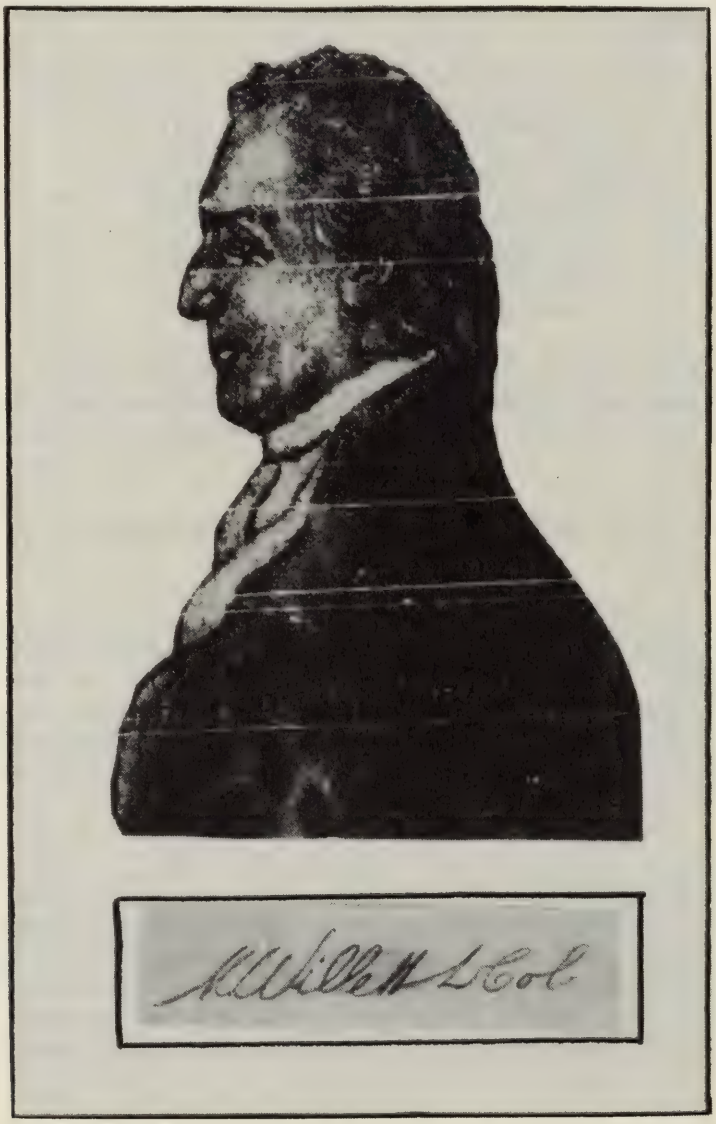
seige. For his bravery on this occasion, Congress voted, October 4, 1777, to present him an elegant sword.

In 1778, he joined Washington's army, and fought at Monmouth under General Scott. The next year he took part in the Clinton-Sullivan Expedition against the Indians.

At the close of the war, Colonel Marinus Willett was elected to the Assembly, but in 1784, he vacated his seat to accept appointment as sheriff of the city and county of New York. He held this office until 1788.

In 1788, he failed in his attempt to be elected as an Anti-Federalist to the New York Assembly. In 1790, President George Washington sent him to the south to treat with the Creek Indians of Georgia, and Willett was so successful that when he returned to New York City, he was accompanied by the half-breed Indian chief, Alexander McGillivray.

It was also on October 5, 1793, that he married, as his second wife, Mrs. Susannah (Nicoll) Vardill, the widow of Thomas Vardill. This marriage, also, proved to be an unhappy one, and a divorce was obtained by Mrs. Willett. The bill was filed on November 11, 1799, and a decree filed on April 10, 1805.



About 1795, he received a grant of 1,000 acres in the Military Tract at what would become Belgium, Onondaga County, New York. This was only three years after the first settlers had arrived in the area. Occasionally, the house which stood on this property is described as being built by Colonel Willett. One story even circulates that he may have retired there during New York City's severe yellow-fever epidemics of 1798, and 1799. More than likely the old Willett house was built by his son, Marinus, about 1820. The spacious house remained in existence until 1970, when it was purposefully destroyed by fire; so much for American preservation.

It was most likely in 1799, that Marinus Willett took his third wife. This marriage was to Margaret Bancker (bp September 18, 1774; d 1867, age 93) of Philadelphi, the daughter of Christopher and Mary Smith Bancker. Their marriage must have been the topic of some lively discussion as the nearly 50 year old twice divorced General Marinus Willett, military hero, and aspiring politician, took a wife nearly twenty years younger than himself. They made home at "Cedar Grove" on Corlaer's Hook. Margaret was the mother of his 5 children. His first child, by his first wife, after a promising start as a physician, had died about the time of the Revolutionary War.

Marinus Willett established a ferry from Corlaer's Hook to Long Island in 1804. He served as Mayor of New York City during 1807 and 1808. He was a merchant and a considerable property owner. His land purchases included various estates confiscated from Loyalists in the city of Jamaica.

Marinus Willett's greatest moment was probably not one of his wartime experiences, but, the visit which the Marquis Lafayette paid him in 1824 when Lafayette was making his grand American tour. Colonel Marinus Willett died on August 23, 1830, at 58 Brome Street. It was here at Brome Street, between Cannon and Lewis Streets, that his funeral was held. It is estimated that not less than 10,000 people came to view his remains. He was buried in the family vault in Trinity Churchyard with military honors (Bailey, page 159).

In June, 1826, he deeded the Belgium, Onodaga County, New York, property to his son, the Reverend William Marinus Willett.

Colonel Marinus Willett recieved many honors. The daughters of the American Revolution erected a huge granite monument to Colonel Marinus Willett in Albany, New York, in 1906. Also, in New York City there is a bronze memorial tablet on the corner of Beaver and Broad Streets. Colonel Willett is the most noted military officer in the Willett family. Only Captain Thomas Willett, the first English Mayor of New York City, is more famous.

His widow, Margaret (Bancker) Willett, died in 1867, at the age of 96.

(Bailey, pages 158-159; Bookstaver, pages 37-38; Comstock, page 22; Colonel Marinus Willett, the Hero of Mohawk Valley, Wager, 1891, pages 1-50).

1. Marinus: b 1762 He was a noted surgeon in the United States Army who died unmarried about the time of the American Revolution. "Presumbly it was the son who received the degree of Bachelor of Arts from Kings College in 1776, not the father, although this has been ascribed to the Colonel" (Bailey, page 159).

2. Elbert M: b abt 1764; d 1834 in New York City.

3. Dr. Marinus: b 1801; became a doctor; d 1840. See next G.1.2.5.1.10.3.

4. Rev. William Marinus: b January 3, 1803; d after 1893. See Next G.1.2.5.1.10.4.

5. Edward Marinus: b 1805; married abt 1825? living in 1894. See next G.1.2.5.1.10.5.

6. Margaret M; b 1806 m July 6, 1830, James H. Ray.

1. James Ray; b abt 1832.

2. Catherine Ray; b abt 1835; m Anton.

G.1.2.5.1.10.3
Dr. MARINUS WILLETT and CATHERINE BRONSON

Marinus Willett was born on January 29, 1801. About 1825 he married Catherine Bronson (b 1778; d 1867), the daughter of Isaac Bronson. He became a physician and resided in New York City. He died in 1840. (Bookstaver, pages 37-38; Comstock, page 23).

1. Rev. Marinus; b 1826; became a Doctor; abt 1850 Eliza Ann; d February 23, 1881. See next G.1.2.5.1.10.3.1.

2. Anna C; b abt 1828.

3. Caroline; b abt 1830.

4. Margaret; b 1831; m abt 1850 Abraham Rymer Van Nest (Ness). (Bookstaver, page 39).

1. George Willett Van Nest;

2. Rynor Van Nest;

5. J. Bronson; b 1838.

6. Harriet B; b 1839; m abt 1860 Charles B. Hoffman (b 1827; d 1892); d 1911. (Bookstaver, page 39).

1. Emily H. Hoffman; b abt 1865.

G.1.2.5.1.10.3.1
Reverend MARINUS WILLETT of Portchester, NewYork

Marinus Willett was born in October, 1826, probably at 58 Grome Street. About 1850, he married Eliza Anne. He became a clergyman and college professor. He was the author of Scences in the Wilderness.

He died on Wednesday February 23, 1881, at Portchester, New York. The New York Times printed his obituary on February 26, 1881:

"The Rev. Marinus Willett

The Rev. Marinus Willett, for the past 10 years, Chaplain of the City Institutions on Ward's, Hart's, and Randall's Islands, died after a protracted illness, at the age of 54 years, at his residence in Portchester, N.Y. Mr. Willett belonged to an old New York family. His grand-

father, Col. Marinus Willett, after whom he was named, was an honored soldier of the Revolutionary War, and an esteemed and well-known veteran at the time of his death. He was present at the battle of Monmouth and in 1807 was Mayor of New York.

Mr. Willett's father was a physician in this City, who died about 40 years ago.

In his younger days, Mr. Willett shipped before the mast for a trip to China, and became a great favorite with all on board. Returning to New York, he was made fourth officer of the ill-fated steam ship Artic, commanded by Capt. Lace, and only left her as she started on her last voyage, in which she was lost. He was then appointed third officer of the packet ship Ashburnton, but about this time his mother died, and he determined no longer to follow the sea.

He studied first at Columbia College, and afterwards was graduated at Williams. He studied for the ministry in the Union Theological Seminary, in this City. He was pastor of several churches, among them one at Black Rock, Conn. The last of which he had pastoral charge was the Presbyterian church at Washington Heights.

He was appointed Chaplain of the City Institutions about 10 years ago by Commissioner Bowen. He was devoted to the work, and found happiness in giving spiritual comfort to poor patients.

He leaves an official record not often equaled for success and devotion to the suffering. He was for many years a member, and later a Secretary of the Society of the Cinncinnati, of which his grandfather was one of the original members; he was also a member of the St. Nicholas Society.

Mr. Willett had been in ill health for eight or nine months past, and was urged not to attempt to perform his labors as Chaplain, at least until the weather became milder and more settled; but he would listen to no advise, and continued, through wind and storm, to cross the East River, frequently in open boats, to visit the islands nearly every day of the week, and always on Sunday to hold service. The physicians and officials of the different institutions on the three islands speak of Mr. Willett in terms of unqualified praise as a Christian minister who seemed to live only to better his fellow men.

He leaves a widow and two sons, one of whom is a purser now on a ship in the Indian seas, and the other living in New York. He also leaves a daughter. The funeral services will be held at the South Dutch Church, corner of Fifth Avenue and Twenty-first Street, at 3 o'clock this afternoon."

(Bookstaver, pages 38-39; Comstock, page 23).

1. Marinus: b abt 1850?. He married and had children.

2. Julia: b abt 1852?

3. Thomas: b abt 1854? m abt 1875 Francis Palmer; d July 2, 1918, in Rye, New York. (Comstock, page 23).

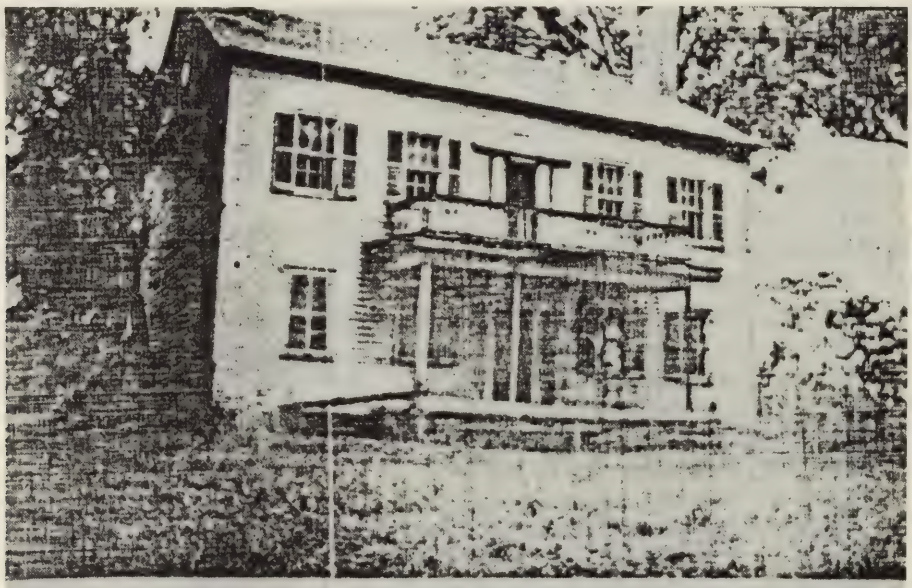
1. Thomas: b abt 1877.

2. Marinus: b abt 1880.

G.1.2.5.1.10.4
Reverend WILLIAM MARINUS WILLETT of Jersey City, Hudson County, New Jersey

William Marinus Willett was born on January 3, 1803, probably at 54 Grome Street. He entered the seminar and was ordained a minister. The Reverend M. William Willett was a circuit riding preacher assigned to northern Onondaga.

Colonel Marinus Willett left his land at Belgium, Onondaga County, New York, to William in June, 1826. Colonel Marinus Willett, died on August 23, 1830. Colonel Willett had received the land in 1790 as his bounty for military service during the Revolution. Colonel Willett soon afterward sold the land, but bought it back ten years later. This son is probably the builder of the "Willett House" which was most likely constructed sometime between 1820 and 1825. The home had 20 rooms on three floors, four chimneys, and eight fireplaces. It was of wooden peg construction.



HOUSE OF COLONEL MARINUS WILLETT NEAR BELGIUM, ONONDAGA COUNTY, NEW YORK, AS IT LOOKS TODAY

The original house had a full veranda and eight columns. The front porch, as seen in the modern photograph above, was a Victorian feature installed in 1867. William left Belgium for another ministerial assignment in 1833, and at this time sold the property to John Stevens. Stevens occupied it until 1865. It passed eventually to the Collins-Evans family, who owned it until 1943. In May, 1970, after years of neglect, it was razed by fire as part of a fire training exercise.

He married 1st about 1825 Elizabeth. He married 2d Frances C. Fletcher.

William was pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Weedsport, Cayuga County, New York, during 1827, and 1828 (The History of Cayuga County, New York, 1789-1879, Elliot Storke, page 331). William worked hard for the church.

> "A retired divine (1891) of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Conference of 1826; later an instructor in Hebrew and Biblical literature in Wesleyan University, and editor. In 1843, he founded the Biblical Institute in Vermont of which he was president until 1848" (Colonel Marinus Willett, the Hero of Mohawk Valley, Wager, 1891, page 48).

The Reverend Marinus M. Willett was living in Jersey City, Hudson County, New Jersey, in 1891. He died on December 7, 1895, in Hudson County, New Jersey. He is buried in the Jamacia Churchyard along with his 2d wife.
(Boosktaver, page 38; Comstock, pages 23-24).

1. George: b 1825.

2. William Marinus (II): b abt 1827? m abt 1847? resided in New York City; died in 1876. See next G.1.2.5.1.10.4.2.

3. Mary: b abt 1828? m Walton. (Bookstaver, pages 39-40).

    1. F. Willett Walton:

    2. Florence W. Walton: m Clark.

4. Cornelius C: b abt 1830?

G.1.2.5.1.10.4.2
WILLIAM MARINUS WILLETT of New York

William Marinus Willett was born about 1827? He married about 1847 and resided in New York City.

1. George: b 1848; m abt 1868 Catherine Van Ranst (b 1839; d 1905); d 1878. See next G.1.2.5.1.10.4.2.1.

2. Benjamin: b abt 1850?

G.1.2.5.1.10.4.2.1
GEORGE WILLETT and CATHERINE VAN RANST of New York City

George Willett was born in 1848. He married abt 1868 Catherine Van Ranst (b 1839; d1905). He was a woodworker of New York City. He died in 1878.

1. Samuel: b 1869; d 1871.

2. William: b November 7, 1867; m 1st Caroline Hartman (b 1870; d 1943), divorced; m 2d Anna Lee (b 1868; d 1943); d March 29, 1921. See next G.1.2.5.1.10.4.2.1.2.

G.1.2.5.1.10.4.2.1.2
WILLIAM WILLET of Pittsburgh and Philadelphi, Pennsylvania
and founder of the Willett Stained Glass Company

William Willet was born November 7, 1867 in New York City. At some point, either with this William or his father, George, this Willet family began spelling their name with one "T". William Willet married 1st about 1888 Caroline Hartman (b 1870; d 1943), divorced.

He married 2d Anne Lee (b 1868; d 1943), the daughter of Rev. Henry Falvel and Anne Townsend (Cooper) Lee. He was an artist in stained glass, and founded the Willet Stained Glass Studio in 1890 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. William Willet won the West Point Chapel Competition in 1910. In 1912, William Willet moved his studio to Philadelphi where he served as its president from 1915 until his death in 1921. He also designed the great west window at the Graduate School, Princeton University, in 1913.

He died on March 29, 1921. (Bailey, pages 158-159).

1. Olga Mildred: b 1890; m Deyo; d 1971.

    1. Enid Willet Deyo: b 1909.

    2. Norman Hall Deyo: b 1911; d 1959.

2. Rachel Marshall: b 1897; m 1924 Thomas Hopkins English; d 1975.

3. Henry Lee: b December 7, 1899; m Katherine Muriel Crosby (b 1902; d 1972); d September 29, 1983. See next G.1.2.5.1.10.4.2.1.2.3.

4. Elizabeth L'Estrange: b March 31, 1906; m September 19, 1929, Murray Frost Thompson.

    1. Elizabeth Lee Thompson: b June 17, 1930.

    2. Joshua Clayton Thompson: b August 29, 1932.

    3. Anne Willet Thompson: b March 18, 1934.

G.1.2.5.1.10.4.2.1.2.3
HENRY LEE WILLET and KATHERINE MURIEL CROSBY of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Henry Lee Willet was born on December 7, 1899, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. His father moved the Willet Stained Glass Studio from Pittsburgh to Philadelphi in 1912. Young Henry attended the Chestnut Hill Academy.

Henry Lee Willet attended Princeton University during 1918-1920, and the Wharton School of the University of Pennasylvania during 1920-1921. He continued his education by travelling in Europe for several years.

As a young man, Willet had green eyes and red hair.

Henry became president of the Willet Studio in 1930 and led it for 35 years until 1965 when he became chairman of the board. He married Katherin Muriel Crosby (b 1902; d 1972).

Henry Willet has designed many beautiful stain glass works. Among his larger and better known works are the windows for the Washington Catheral, the Cadet Chapel at West Point, St. John's Catheral in New York, and the Church Center for the United Nations. The United Nations:

> "facade combines faceted glass, set in an epoxy matrix, with superimposed deep relief of epoxy covered aluminum. Near the center is a fat crystalline hunk of glass ("truth and knowledge")."

There was a reluctance at the United Nations Church Center towards accepting such a radical and abstract design. Yet, as Henry Willet predicted, the crowds stop, and the visual impact is extraordinary.

The Buffalo Westminister Presbyterian Church "has an upbeat iconography" which Willet designed for their music window.

> "Duke Ellington is there, and Peanut's Schroeder thumps away in a corner" (The "Art Gallery Magazine," December 1, 1968, Volume XII, No. 3).

In an interview given in 1973, Mr. Willet had this to say about his work:

> "I don't think that any building is complete without God's sunlight coming through glass and color" ("Philadelpi Inquirer", October 1, 1983, page 6-A).

The Willet Stained Glass Studio is in a red-brick plant on East Moreland Avenue, off Germantown Avene, on Chestnut Hill. It is the largest stained glass studio in the world. Through his work and genius, Mr. Willet made Philadelphi the stained glass capital of the world.

Mr. Henry Lee Willet died on Thursday, September 29, 1983, in his 84th year.

1. Everett Crosby: b January 8, 1929; m Augusta Winter O'Connell (b August 25, 1930); president of Willet Studio. See next G.1.2.5.1.10.4.2.1.2.3.1.

2. Ann Lee: b October 13, 1933; worked with her brother and father in the Studio; m October 1, 1955, John M. Kellogg.

1. John M. Kellogg: b September 23, 1957.

2. Sandra Kellogg: b August 24, 1960.

3. Daniel Kellogg: b May 23, 1962.

3. Zoe: b May 13, 1938; m William Cotton.

    1. Michael Cotton: b May 3, 1962.

G.1.2.5.1.10.4.2.1.2.3.1
EVERETT CROSBY WILLET and AUGUSTA WINTER O'CONNELL
of Philadelphi, Pennsylvania

Everett Crosby Willet was born on January 8, 1929. He married on November 27, 1954, Augusta Winter O'Connell (b April 25, 1930). He succeeded his father, Henry Lee, as president of the Willet Stained Glass Studios.

1. William Winter (adopted): b July 13, 1950; William is the son of Augusta Winter.

2. Nancy Lee: b June 29, 1955.

3. Katherine Crosby: b June 3, 1960.

3. Henry Lee: b 1960.

G.1.2.5.1.10.5
EDWARD WILLETT of Brook Green, South Carolina

Edward Willett was born in 1805 He married about 1825 Amelia A. (b 1807; d September 23, 1875, age 68). He was a lawyer by profession and as late as 1888 he was living in New York City. However, in 1891 he resided at Brook Green, South Carolina.
(Bookstaver, page 38; Comstock, page 24).

1. Marinus M: b abt 1828; married.

2. Margaret: b abt 1830; m Broadman. (Bookstaver, page 39).

    1. Amelia W. Broadman:

    2. Clemence Broadman:

    3. Annette Broadman:

    4. Margaret W. Broadman:

3. Clementine (Clemence) S: b abt 1833; m Hazell.

4. Elbert: b abt 1835.

G.1.2.7
HELENA WILLETT and WILLIAM HARTSHORNE
of Portland Manor, Monmouth County, New Jersey

Helena Willett was born on December 22, 1680, probably in Queens County, Long Island. She was baptized on March 27, 1681, in the Dutch Reformed Church at Flatbush, Long Island.

She married on May 1, 1713, the widower William Hartshorne (b January 22, 1679; d February 29, 1747, age 69 years). He was from a very wealthy family that lived at the Atlantic Highlands, in New Jersey. In 1703, William Hartshorne had inherited 500 acres of land known as Portland Point and Portland Manor (which had been built in 1697) from his father Richard Hartshorne. This became the home of Helena (Willett) Hartshorne.

The senior Richard Hartshorne had arrived in the Rhode Island colony in September, 1669, at the age of 28. He had married on April 27, 1670, Martha Carr, the daughter of Robert Carr of Newport, Rhode Island. Richard Hartshorne then purchased 2,320 acres from John Hawes of Atlantic Highlands on the New Jersey shore.

Helena's father was also a man of substance, and:

> "On April 29, 1715, her father deeded her marriage portion to her and her husband in the form of two lots in the Willett family's New York City tract; the latter sold this in 1742, with his then wife, Elizabeth. In both deeds he is identified as of Middleton, New Jersey" (Bailey, page 159).

Helena (Willett) Hartshorne died on May 1, 1715 (Bookstaver, page 35).

Her husband, William Hartshorne, married a third time Elizabeth Lawrence, the daughter of William and Ruth Gibbons Lawrence. He died in February 29, 1748.

> "1747 will of William Hartshorne of Middletown Township, Monmouth County, New Jersey:
>
> various heirs and bequests, including his son Thomas (by Helena Willett) to get the silver Tankard that was testator's second wife's.
>
> Daughter Mary (by Helena) received 6 silver spoons" (Bailey, pages 159, 283).

The issue of Helena and William Harthorne, were Mary and Thomas, according to a family record in a book given to Helena Willett in 1700 and in the possession of the Pennington family (Historical Genealogical Miscellany, Early Settlers of New Jersey and their Descendents, Stillwell, Volume III, page 283).

(Bookstaver, pages 35-36).

1. Mary Hartshorne: b April 27, 1714 (3d mo 27); m November 2, 1738, John Lawrence (b January 28, 1709; d June 19, 1795); d February 19, 1782, age 69 years, 9 months, and 18 days.

2. Thomas Hartshorne: b April 28, 1715 (2d mo 28); m 1st abt 1737 Phebe Wright; m 2d January 22, 1754, Mary Smith; d September 20, 1795.

1. Helena Hartshorne: b abt 1739; m Samuel Kirby.

2. Mary Hartshorne: b abt 1740.

3. Sarah Hartshorne: b abt 1742.

4. Samuel Hartshorne: b abt 1744.

5. Phebe Hartshorne: b abt 1746.

6. Margaret Hartshorne: b abt 1748.

7. Thomas Harthsorne: b 1756; of Middletown, Monmouth County, New Jersey; d February 18, 1810, age 54; buried in the old Monmouth burying ground in Middletown, New Jersey, along with several Willetts.

G.1.2.9

ABRAHAM WILLETT and SUSANNAH STEVENSON of Flushing, Long Island

Abraham Willett was born in 1685, probably in Queens County, Long Island. Nothing is known of his early life.

He married, in Grace Church, Jamaica, Long Island, on May 1, 1713, Susanna Stevenson the daughter of Edward and Charity (Jennings) Stevenson of Newtown, Long Island, and the sister of the Charity Stevenson who married his father Colonel Thomas Willett (H.1.2). Thus, he married his maternal aunt. If the date of his marriage is correct, perhaps this was a double wedding with his sister, Helena, as her marriage is also recorded as occuring on May 1, 1713. They were married under the rites of the Episcopal Church. Evidently, he was the Abraham Willett who made a contribution to the the minister about 1710.

However, soon afterward he became a member of the Quaker faith. This is borne out by the fact that his children's births are recorded with exact dates in the Quaker records between 1714 and 1737.

Abraham Willett died in 1756 at the age of 71.

(Bailey, page 159; Bookstaver, page, 35; Comstock, pages 26-27; Stevenson, page 62; The Record, volume 4, page 96, 1875, gives the dates of the births of the children).

> "Will of Abraham Willitt of Flushing, December 20, 1756:
> names his wife, Susannah, and children, Abraham, Thomas, Edward, Helena, Susanna, and Mary.
> Witnesses: Jonathan Willett (G.1.2.10.5), being a known Quaker, Charles Hedger, and Thomas Hicks, Jr.
> Probated: March 18, 1757" (Bailey, page 159).

1. Charity: b 22 d, 4th mo, 1714; d May 5, 1735, age 21.

2. Helena (Elener): b September 9, 1715; m on November 11, 1758, at Flushing in a Quaker ceremony Joseph Rodman of New Rochel, Westcheste County, New York.

3. Abraham: b December (10th month) 3, 1717; m Hannah Lawrence (d 1806); d March 15, 1799, in New York City. See next G.1.2.9.3.

4. Mary: b 3 d, 7th mo, 1719, d.y.

5. Susannah: b 19 d, 9th mo, 1722; m August 1, 1768, Samuel Cornell.

6. Thomas: b October (8th month) 19, 1727; d 1782, unmarried. See next G.1.2.9.6.

7. Mary (II): b 19 d, 6th mo, 1729; d unmarried.

8. Edward: b October (8th month) 10, 1737; living in Queens County at the time of the American Revolution; m June 17, 1778, Anne Vaulen. (Comstock, page 27).

   1. Edward: b abt 1780.

G.1.2.9.3
ABRAHAM WILLETT and HANNAH LAWRENCE of New York City

Abraham Willett was born on October 3, 1717, probably at Flushing, Long Island. Nothing is known of his early life.

He married Hannah Lawrence (will September 29, 1804; probate May 29, 1806) about 1740. He was a bolter in New York City by 1762 when he sold property situated in Montgomery Ward. He died March 15, 1799, age 82.

> "Will of Abraham Willett of New York, dated January 28, 1796:
> names wife, Hannah, my daughter, Charity, and grandsons, Oliver Richard and William Smith;
> my kinsmen (relatives of his wife) Effingham Embree, and Effingham Lawrence.
> Proved June 15, 1799" (Bailey, page 160).
>
> "Will of Hannah Willett of New York, widow of Abraham, late of New York, dated September 29, 1804:
> names daughter, Charity Kish, nephew John B. Lawrence, and granddaughter, Henrietta Kish.
> Probated May 29, 1806" (Bailey, page 160).

1. Charity: b abt 1806; m abt 1830 Kish.

    1. Henrietta Kish:

2. daughter: b abt 1808; m abt 1830 Smith.

    1. Oliver Smith:

    2. Richard Smith:

    3. William Smith:

G.1.2.9.6
THOMAS WILLETT of Queens County, Long Island

Thomas Willett was born on August 19, 1727. Nothing is known of his early life, and it is doubted if he ever married.

> "He was commissioned Sheriff of Queens County in October, 1770. On July 21, 1776, Thomas Willett, Sheriff, posted Howe's Declaration in each Queens County town, for which the patriots ordered his arrest, together with his brother, Edward, Edward, Senior, and two others. Thomas Willett, esquire, Sheriff of Flushing, was among four Willetts named in General Greene's list of principal Tories on Long Island in

1776. As Thomas Willets (sic), Sheriff of Queens County, (he) was apprehended by the county committee and sent to Congress."

The declaration of Lord and Sir William Howe granted:

"a free and general pardon to all those who, in the tumult and disorder of the times, may have deviated from their just allegiance, and are willing by a speedy return to their duty, to reap the benefits of the royal pardon" (Onderdonk, pages 80-81).

Thomas Willett was among those who sent an address to the British Governor Robertson in 1780.

He died in 1782, age 55.

"Will of Thomas Willett of Flushing, dated September 7, and probated October 9, 1782:

bequeaths houses and lands to my three sisters, Eleanor Rodman, Susanna Cornell, and Mary Willett;

my brother Edward to live with his sisters and to have his maintenance as long as he shall have adequate care of them.

Witnesses: David Colden, Esquire, and Thomas Willett" (Bailey, page 160).

G.1.2.10
JOHN WILLETT and MARY RODMAN of Flushing, Long Island

John Willett was born in 1690, probably at Flushing, Long Island. Nothing is known of his early life.

There was a strong Quaker community on Long Island. The Willets families of Long Island were almost all members of this religion. Several of John Willett's relatives became Quakers. He must have joined this religion by 1714. Because, according to the Quaker records, he married on September 14, 1714 (14th day, 7th mo), Mary Rodman (b December 20, 1695) the daughter of John and Mary Rodman. Evidently, just prior to her marriage, Mary Rodman was granted a lot in the East Ward, New York City, as a marriage portion. John Willett and Mary (nee Rodman) sold this dwelling on May 31, 1755, to Moses Gomez (NYD 34-167).

Mary's father, John Rodman was a doctor and a Quaker minister. He had became a Quaker about 1690 and continued in that faith until his death in 1731. Mary Rodman had several sisters. Her sister Hannah married Jonathan Dickerson, merchant, and a mayor of Philadelphi. These two families must had close ties. John Willett named his third son, Jonathan. And when Jonathan Dickerson died in 1727, he left his estate to his brother-in-law's children.

> "Will of Jonathan Dickerson of Philadelphi, but now of Flsuhing, Queens County, New York, Gentleman, dated March 22, 1725, and probated December 6, 1727:
>
> To wife Hannah use of all estate in Pennsylvania until Jonathan Willett, son of my brother-in-law, Jonathan Willett, of Flushing, arrives at age 21.
>
> To cousin (cousin in the old meaning of nephew) Jonathan Willett £ 100, and
>
> To the rest of the children of the said John Willett, viz. John Thomas, Anne, Hannah, and Samuel, £ 250 among them to be paid by their father, and
>
> To said Jonathan Willett my present dwelling house and land in Flushing brought of Dr. John Rodman, Jr" (NYHS-W II-48, Bailey, page 160).

John Willett was a relatively common name at this time. But there is no need to confuse him with other near relatives of the same name.

> "John Willett, presumably influenced by his stepmother and wife, was a Quaker and ancestor of the main Quaker branch of the family. Religion separates him from his nephew and near contemporary, John Willett, Episcopalian (b 1700; d 1787) also of Flushing, but son of Colonel Thomas Willett" (Bailey, page 160).

John was active in the Quaker faith.

"As J. Willett, he was one of the Flushing Quakers who certified in 1755 and 1758 in behalf of the Monthly Meeting of Flushing concerning some of its members" (Bailey, page 161).

John Willett leased the old Willett homestead at Flushing, Long Island to Lieutenant Governor Colden. John Willett's nephew, Colonel William Willett, was married to Lieutenant Governor Colden's daughter.

"It was leased by him (Colden) May 12th, 1761, for one year, from John and Thomas Willet, and on the 12th of May 1772, conveyed by them and their wives (each of whom is named Mary in the deed), to Lieutenant Governor Cadwallader Colden, for £ 2,000. Reservation is made in the deed of a certain ancient burying Place, fenced in with a stone fence or stone Ditch (where the family of the Willets have hitherto been interred) to and for the use of the family of said Willets to bury and deposit their dead from henceforth forever ..." (The Record, 1873, volume 4, page 167).

"A hundred yards or so northeast from it (the Colden Mansion), on a ridge, the gentle slope of which to the highway is covered with young fruit trees, is the old cemetery ... A few large boulders imbedded in the earth mark the original size of the cemetery, which must, from the indications, have contained from fifteen to twenty graves. These are now covered (1873) by a thick cluster of locust trees, three or four feet apart, apparently of thirty or forty years growth ... A few rough headstones, such as were commonly used a century and a half or more ago, lying flat on the ground at the lower edge of the plot, covered with moss and weeds, most of them broken and defaced, bearing the name Willet, are all the present visible evidences that this was an ancient burying place for the dead. Such of the inscriptions as could be deciphered by us on a recent visit (1873) there, are as follows:

S. WILLETT
D. 1722
A. 52
Jun
THo. WILLETT
Ded Nbr ye 30
A. D. 1724
Agd 52 yrs

ELIZABETH
wife of John
WILLETT Jnr
Aged 67 ye
Deceased Oct
The 19, 1773
ELIZABETH wife of
... WILLETT

62 yr. 1754 (rest illegible)

Here lies interred the body of
SARAH wife of ROBERT WHITING
and daughter of CHARLES and
ELLENA WILLETT who departed
this life 7th July 1797 aged
38 years
also WILLETT her son who departed this life
the 12th April 1792 aged 6 years

"On one stone are the initials M. W., no date. Three on which everything but the date is gone, bear date 1741, 1753, and 1755."

On May 12, 1762, John Willett sold the Flushing homestead to Cadwallader Colden. He died on April 11, 1774, age 84.

An interesting sidelight of the American Revolution concerns one of his numerous grandchildren, Willett Bowne. During the Revolution innumerable incidents of robbery and pillage, caused by soldiers of both sides of the conflict, took place. In 1782:

> "some of Fanning's men (King's American Regiment) got in the house of Willett Bowne and tied him with a bed cord to the post, and then held a candle under the ends of his fingers to torture him into disclosure where his money was hid; but he remained inflexible" (Onderdonk, page 150).

All of his children, except John (b 1745) have their births recorded in the records of the Quaker faith, with exact times and days of the week (The Record, 1873, volume 4, page 194).

(Bookstaver, pages 40-41; Comstock, pages 27-28).

1. John: b June (4th month) 10, 1715, "about 7 o'clock in the afternoon ye 6th day of the week;" m October 3, 1734, Deborah Lawrence the daughter of Samuel Lawrence and sister-in-law to Mary Townley Lawrence, the reputed heiress of the Sir Richard Townley fortune; d November 31, 1737. See next G.1.2.10.1.

2. Thomas: b December (10th month) 10, 1716, "about 3 o'clock in the morning ye 2d day of ye week;" d February 8, 1727/28.

3. Ann: b December (10th month) 19, 1718, "about 9 o'clock in the afternoon ye 6th day of ye week;" m November 5, 1738, John Stevenson of Newton, Long Island.

4. Hannah: February (12th month) 7, 1721, "about 9 o'clock in the afternoon ye 2d day of the week;" living in 1725.

5. Jonathan: b October (8th month) 21, 1722, "in the afternoon ye 1st day of the week;" removed to Bucks County, Pennsylvania; m abt 1743 Deborah Lawrence, another neice of Elizabeth Lawrence, the wife of John Willett; d 1804 or 1805. See next G.1.2.10.5.

6. Samuel: b (12 mo) February 15, 1723/24, "about 1 o'clock in the morning ye 7th day of ye week;" removed to Bucks County, Pennsylvania; m Elizabeth Lawrence, another neice of Elizabeth Lawrence, the wife of John Willett; d 1757. See next G.1.2.10.6.

7. Elizabeth: b December (10th month) 17, 1725, " about 11 o'clock in the morning ye 7th day of the week;" m August or October, 1744, William Bowne (b 1719/20; d 1747 in New York).

1. Willett Bowne: b abt 1746; a patriot who was robbed by Fanning's men.

8. Mary: b August (6th month) 19, 1727, "about 8 o'clock in the morning ye 7th day of the week."

9. Helena: b June (4th month) 17, 1729, "about 8 o'clock in the morning ye 3d day of the week;" believed to be the Helena Willett who married by New York license on December 2, 1756, Elnathan Field. There is an Elnathan Field (b abt 1767; d January 1, 1831) who could be their son and who is buried in the Harthshorne burying ground in Middletown, Monmouth County, New Jersey, along with several other Fields.

10. Thomas: b April (2d month) 4, 1731, "at half an hour after one o'clock in the afternoon ye 1st day of the week;" m Mary outside the Quaker faith prior to February 1, 1759. On March 3, 1763, Thomas and Mary were granted a certificate by the Flushing Monthly Meeting to the Shrewsbury Monthly Meeting. On May 3, 1764, Shrewsbury declined to accept the certificate, so they remained members in New York (H 356; Bailey, page 163).

11. Caroline (Carolina): b February (12th month) 8, 1733, "at 5 o'clock in the afternoon ye 5th day of the week;" d July, 1751.

12. Catherine: b (6th mo) August 28, 1735, "in the afternoon the 7th day of the week;" d the same day.

G.1.2.10.1
JOHN WILLETT and DEBORAH LAWRENCE of Flushing, Long Island

John Willett was born April 10, 1715 (10th 4th mo) at Flushing, Long Island, on the old Willett homestead. He was raised in the Quaker faith.

He married in a Quaker ceremony on October 3, 1734 (10th 8 mo), Deborah Lawrence the daughter of Samuel Lawrence and Mary Townley Lawrence, reputed heiress to the Sir Richard Townley fortune.

John Willett died on the third day of the 11th month, 1737, age 22.

His widow, Deborah (Lawrence) Willett married in a Quaker ceremony on March 10, 1748, Samuel Doughtery (Doughty) of Flushing (Bailey, page 162).

> "Will of Samuel Lawrence (father-in-law of John Willett) of Flushing: names inter alia wife Mary;
> £ 50 to grandchildren Mary Willett and Anne Willett;
> daughter Deborah (Lawrence-Willett) Doughty to get £ 50 less than the rest of my daughters;

other children, including Elizabeth Willett (the wife of John Willett's brother Samuel)" (NYHS-W 5-409; Bailey, page 162).

(Bookstaver, page 42; Comstock, pages 27-28).

1. Mary: b abt 1735; in 1754, was bequeathed £ 50 by her maternal grandfather, Samuel Lawrence; m abt 1760 Arison (prior to 1789). (Bailey, page 162).

    1. Nancy Arison: b abt 1762.

    2. Sarah Willis Arison: b abt 1765.

    3. George Arison: b abt 1767.

    4. Mary Arison: b abt 1770.

2. Anne: b abt 1736; in 1754, was bequeathed £ 50 by her maternal grandfather, Samuel Lawrence; m February 24, 1767, David Colden; d August, 1785. (Bailey, page 162).

    1. Cadwalader Colden: b abt 1770.

    2. Mary Colden: b abt 1772.

    3. Elizabeth Colden: b abt 1775.

    4. Katherine Colden: b abt 1777.

G.1.2.10.5
JONATHAN WILLETT and DEBORAH LAWRENCE of Bucks County, Pennsylvania

Jonathan Willett was born on October 21, 1722, at Flushing, Long Island, on the old Willett homestead. He was named for his maternal uncle, Jonathan Dickerson of Philadelphi. His uncle died when he was only three, and left him the chief heir of his estate to be delivered to him at age 21. Jonathan received all of his uncle's estate in Pennsylvania, and also a "dwelling house and land in Flushing brought of Dr. John Rodman, Jr.,"

Jonathan removed to Bucks County, Pennsylvania as a young man. This was near both the village of Langhorne, and the City of Philadelphi. He married about 1743 Deborah Lawrence the daughter of Obadiah Lawrence.

"She should not be confused with Deborah Lawrence, daughter of Obadiah's brother, Samuel Lawrence, which Deborah married Jonathan's brother, John Willett (H.1.2.10.1)" (Bailey, page 220).

In 1753, the Jonathan Willett family was living at Flushing, Long Island. There must have been an epidemic in the summer of that year, because 3 of the children die in July.

This must have have been a hard blow for a religious man and his family. Perhaps, all the sad associations of living at Flushing induced Jonathan to remove to Pennsylvania.

On September 4, 1755, Jonathan Willett went by certificate to the monthly meeting at Wrights Towne, Pennsylvania. On November 4, 1755, he and his wife were received at Wrightstown.

However, on August 3, 1758, he removed back to Flushing, Long Island. Later he transferred to the Middleton Monthly Meeting in Pennsylvania (south of Harrisonburg on the Susequehanna River in Dauphin County). He owned slaves at a time when the Quakers were vigorously in opposition to the ownership of slaves.

> "After several years effort on the part of the Middletown Monthly Pennsylvania Quakers to induce him to free his slaves, the Meeting disowned him in 1778 for refusal of their policy; but, perversely he freed them at his death" (Bailey, page 220).

He lived through the American Revolution and saw at least one of his sons, Walter, take up arms against the rebel patriots. Walter fought in the British Legion through out the war, and after the war left his first wife and eight children and settled at Nova Scotia. Quakers were opposed to any war, and it must have torn this family apart to have sons take up arms in support of either side of the conflict, and an even greater disappointment when he chose to leave his native home.

Perhaps, Jonathan Willett aided his son to the best of his means after the war.

Jonathan Willett died in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, in 1804 or 1805. (Bailey, pages 220-225; Bookstaver, page 41; Comstock, pages 28-29).

> "Will of Jonathan Willett of Midddletown Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, 1804, 8th of 10th month:
>
> wife Deborah;
>
> son-in-law Samuel Mitchel, executor;
>
> residual legatee to 8 children: Obadiah, John, and Samuel Willett, Ann Mitchel, Elizabeth Kirkbride, Sarah Mitchel, Mary Paxson, and Helena Carter.
>
> If my son, Jonathan, who is absent, should return he is to have an equal share;
>
> son Walter Willett has had a large portion of my estate and no demand to be made for it;
>
> all my negroes in whom I right to be free at my decease.
>
> Witness: Pierson Mitchel, and John Mitchel.
>
> Proved July 25, 1805" (Bucks County Wills 7-91; Bailey page 221).

1. Anne: b abt 1745; d July, 1753, at Flushing, Long Island.

2. Walter: b 1747; m 1st on March 24, 1766, Martha Harding; m 2d 1780 Abigail Phinney; d 1804. See next G.1.2.10.5.2.

3. Obadiah: b abt 1749; d July, 1753, at Flushing, Long Island.

4. Elizabeth: b abt 1751; d July, 1753, at Flushing, Long Island.

5. Ann: b 1753 on Long Island, New York; m July 12, 1774, Samuel Mitchell (d December 24, 1826, age 79) of Bucks County, Pennsylvania. On December 1, 1774, "At a Meeting, Samuel Mitchell and his wife offer a paper of condemnation for their outgoings in Marriage, and unchaste Conversation before Marriage, which is left to consideration another month" (Bailey, page 222. After several visitations and reports of "good satisfaction" their paper was received on April 6, 1775. She died October 11, 1831, age 78.

1. John Mitchell: b abt 1776.

2. Walter Mitchell: b abt 1778.

3. Deborah Mitchell: b abt 1780.

4. Jonathan Mitchell: b abt 1782.

5. Margaret Mitchell: b abt 1785.

6. Samuel Mitchell: b abt 1787.

7. Gilbert S. Mitchell: b abt 1790.

6. Obadiah: b 1754; m 1st Mary Biles; m 2d Esther Johnson; d March 20, 1847, age 93 years. See next G.1.2.10.5.6.

7. Elizabeth: b about 1756; m November 23, 1775, Jonathan Kirkbride of Middletown Township, New Jersey.

8. Sarah: b abt 1758; m July 27, 1776, John Mitchell (b April 30, 1741; d December 26, 1780), the older brother of her sister's Ann husband.

9. John: b abt 1760; m abt 1780 Sarah Walton; "cited for military exercises as a militia man" by the Quaker Monthly Meeting. See next G.1.2.10.5.9.

10. Mary: b July 31, 1765; m abt 1785 Joshua Paxton; d April 23, 1828.

11. Helena: b abt 1770; m John Carter.

12. Samuel: b abt 1767; m November 10, 1796, a woman not of the Quaker faith. The Middletown Monthly Meeting recorded that "Samuel Willett accomplished his marriage by the assistance of an hireling minister and with a woman not of our Society; therefore Croasdale and Wilson are appointed to visit him, and if nothing encouraging appears, produce an Essay of a Testimony against him in the next Meeting" (Bailey, page 225). On February 8, 1798, it was reported that Samuel would not appeal.

13. Jonathan: b 1785; m before September, 1794, "a woman not in Society with Friends with whom he has been guilty of fornication." See next G.1.2.10.5.13.

G.1.2.10.5.2

Captain WALTER WILLETT and MARTHA HARDING of Bucks County, Pennsylvania

Walter Willett was born in 1747 on Long Island. Walter was raised as a Quaker; however he married on March 24, 1766, Martha Harding (w December 15, 1814, p January 25, 1815) at the Dutch Church of North and Southampton, Bucks County, Pennsylvania. The Quaker Meeting reacted to this marriage.

> "Walter Willett reported married in a disorderly manner with Martha Harding, also, a member of this Meeting, and that she was with child before marriage; and they offered no satisfaction for their scandalous and disorderly conduct, a Testimony against them both is ordered" (Bailey, page 221)

When the Revolution came, Walter Willett kept his allegiance to the King. This caused a family riff. His cousin Augustine Willett was an active and vociferous patriot and a member of the Sons of Liberty. However, his cousin Samuel Willett also followed the Loyalist sentiment and together they took commissions in the Queen's Rangers. The Civil War is often thought of as a war which split families asunder, yet, the American Revolution did the same.

Walter joined the British Army under Sir William Howe just before the battle of Germantown and was with the army and frequently employed to get intelligence because of his knownledge of the land. If he took an active part in the battle of Germantown, he would have been fighting another Willett who was with the 9th Virginia Regiment. Waitman Willett of Accomack County, Virginia, died in the battle.

In 1778, he was commissioned a Lieutenant of Bucks County Pennsylvania Light Dragoons in Captain Sandford's Troop.

The State of Pennsylvania reacted to his active participation against the revolution on August 9, 1778, by confiscating his goods and property, including a farm in Southampton Township.

In 1779, Walter Willett was attached to the Queen's Rangers under Colonel Graves Simcoe. The Queen's Rangers wore a uniform of green with white facings and leather britches. The Queen's Rangers spent most of the war quartered on Long Island, New York.

> "Captain Deimar's Independent Company of Hussar's, and Captain Sandford's Buck County Volunteers (dressed in red) were joined to the Rangers. Captain Heimar, with his wife, quartered at Rem Hegeman's house (Rem Hegemen was a Lieutenant in the Queens County Wolver Hollow Militia). The Hussar's lay in tents under the mill in front of Hegemen's house. This regiment, 320 in number, was taken at Yorktown, and settled in Nova Scotia after the peace" (Onderdonk, page 246).

In 1780, Walter was sent to Savannah and attached to Tarleton's Legion. He was captured at Savannah and spent some time under parole in Brunswick, North Carolina. Eventually, he was exchanged and rejoined the Rangers.

At the peace, he left what was left of his property in the possession of his sons, some of whom were of age, and left for Nova Scotia. Between the Battle of Yorktown in

October, 1781, and the official Treaty of Paris in 1783, it would have been difficult to be an American Loyalist who had actively taken up arms against the Revolution. This was borne out in 1784, when Walter was attained in absentia for high treason by the State of Pennsylvania (Pennsylvania A. 1st Ser. 10-259).

Colonel Simcoe had kept a journal of his experiences in a diary and printed this after the war. He also became the Governor General of Canada after the Loyalist immigration.

Will of Martha Willett dated December 11, 1814, of Southampton Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania:

To: children Caroline Paxton, Thomas Willett, Ann Walton, Phineas Willett, Walter Willett, and Martha Dyer;

To: children of late daughter Rachel Baldwin;

To: grandson George Willett, natural son of Gilbert Willett deceased;

To: granddaughter Martha Baldwin.

Proved: January 25, 1814. (Bucks County Wills 9-2; Bailey, page 222).

A note concerning the term "natural son." This was often used to describe bastard children. There is no way of knowning whether Martha (Harding) Willett used the term in this context; however, it is possible that this is what she meant.

1. Caroline: b 1747; m 1767 Paxson; d after 1814.

2. Thomas: b abt 1748; d after 1814.

3. Ann: b abt 1750; m Walton; d after 1814.

4. Phineas: b abt 1752; d after 1814.

5. Walter: b abt 1754; d after 1814; d January 11, 1816, in Bucks County, Pennsylvania (in either Sugartown or Middletown).

6. Martha: b abt 1756; m Dyer; d before 1814.

7. Rachael: b abt 1758; m Baldwin; d after 1814.

    1. Mary Baldwin:

8. Gilbert: b abt 1760; d before 1814.

    1. Gilbert.

Captain WALTER WILLETT and ABIGAIL PHINNEY of Nova Scotia

Captain Walter Willett of the Queen's Rangers had little choice when he left the State of Pennsylvania. He knew that the life of a Loyalist was uncertain, particularly a Loyalist who had fought against the patriots at Germantown, Savannah, and Yorktown.

He had to leave. The question is why didn't his wife Martha (Harding) Willett either accomply him and or follow him at a later date? There is no answer. Most likely, her Quaker upbringing and her parents' patriot sentiments set her against a husband who chose both war and the wrong side of that war. But, for whatever reason, they parted about 1783 never to meet again.

Walter Willett went to Nova Scotia, either in 1782 or early in 1783, and settled at Granville. He was proscribed in Pennsylvania and his estates were confiscated. However, he received £ 7,000 in Congress money from Martha Willett by sale of real estate. More than likely, Walter knew what it meant to have money that was "not worth a Continental." His father, possibly also of Loyalist sentiment, his wife and 7 children all remained in Pennsylvania.

Lieutenant Walter Willett was on the "muster roll of discharged Officers and disbanded soldiers and Loyalists taken in the county of Annapolis between the 18th and 29th days of June, 1784." At this time he had one child above 10 living in his household, and one servant. No wife was mentioned.

Captain Walter Willett married as his 2d wife Abigail Phinney in Nova Scotia and they settled at Granville. It is usually stated that this marriage took place in 1780, but it is more likely to have occured about 1784. At the time of his 2d marriage, he stated that by the laws of Pennsylvania, his wife was her own mistress, and was the same as divorced, and that it was considered divorce.

On July 21, 1784, he purchased 500 acres of land (lot No. 78 in Granville) for £ 250. The land was in Wilmot Township, Annapolis County, Nova Scotia, from Benjamin I. Austin of Boston. He also continued in his military career as a militia officer.

> "He took an active interest in military affairs, and on a call for militia to garrison Halifax, on one occasion during the absence of the regulars, he is said to have marched his company to Halifax in 36 hours" (History of the County of Annapolis, Calnek, 1897, page 628).

His father, Jonathan, died in 1804, and in this will Walter Willett is described as having "had a large portion of my estate" and no demand is to be made for any of it.

Walter Willett died on April 30, 1812, and is buried in the Upper Granville Cemetery, in Nova Scotia.

(Comstock, pages 30-32).

9. Isaac Phinney: b 1787 in Nova Scotia; m abt 1810 Ann Morrison; d April, 1861. See next G.1.2.10.5.2.9.

10. Ann: b 1788; d 1808 unmarried.

11. Harriet: b 1790; m abt 1813 Rev. James H. Priestly; the Reverend Priestly was a Wesleyan missionary; d Monday morning in July between 15th and 22th, 1824 (New Brunswick Vital Statistics from Newspapers 1824-1828, page 6).

12. Graves Simcoe: b 1792 in Granville, Nova Scotia; m 1812 Cynthia Troop; d 1846. See next G.1.2.10.5.2.12.

13. Mary: b 1796; m May, 1824, William Thomas, merchant, by the Rev. J. Millidge.

14. Lawrence: b 1799; m abt 1830 Catherine Troop. See next G.1.2.10.5.2.14.

15. Eliza: b 1801; m abt 1820 Samuel Churchill.

16. Margaret: b 1803; m abt 1825 William Wade; d 1842.

17. Gilbert: b 1805; m abt 1830 Amarilla Wheelock; no issue.

18. Deborah: b abt 1806; m abt 1830 Summer Wheelock?

G.1.2.10.5.2.9
ISAAC PHINNEY WILLETT and ANN MORRISON of Nova Scotia

Isaac Phinney Willett was born in Nova Scotia in 1787. About 1810, he married Ann Morrison of Nova Scotia. He died in 1861.
(Bookstaver, page 48; Comstock, page 32).

1. Ann: b abt 1812; m William Hood.

2. Isaac: b abt 1815; unmarried.

3. Reed (Reid): b abt 1820; m Bethia (Charlotte) Robinson, the daughter of John Robinson, M. P. P. and Bethia Davoue who were married on January 4, 1814.

4. Walter: b abt 1822; m Rebecca Gilliatt.

G.1.2.10.5.2.12
GRAVES SIMCOE WILLETT and CYNTHIA TROOP of Nova Scotia

Graves Simcoe Willett was born in 1792 at Granville in Nova Scotia. Evidently, his father Walter Willett was still loyal to the cause he had fought for because he named his son after his commanding officer, Graves Simcoe of the Queen's Rangers.
Graves Willett married 1815 Cythnia Troop of Nova Scotia. He died in 1846.

1. George: b abt 1816; m Arburthnot McSweeney.

2. Walter: b abt 1818; m Mary Hudson.

3. Gilbert: b 1820 in Granville, Nova Scotia; m Barbara Pigott.

    1. Rupert: b 1859 in Granville, Nova Scotia.

        1. John G: b 1883 in Granville, Nova Scotia.

            1. John R: b 1916 at St. John, New Brunswick.

4. John: b 1826; m February 11, 1856, Ellen Travers; he served the Confederacy; removed to Mexico after the war; d November 23, 1904. See next G.1.2.10.5.2.12.4.

G.1.2.10.5.2.12.4
JOHN WILLETT and ELLEN TRAVER of Nova Scotia, Texas, and Mexico

John Willett was born on March 14, 1826, in Granville, Nova Scotia. Thus, because of the colonial status of Nova Scotia he was an Englishman.

In 1849, he migrated to Texas where he became one of the state's outstanding pioneers. He served an enlistment in Captain Floyd McGowin's Company of Texas Rangers and then settled in Corpus Christi. At that time Corpus Christi was the Headquarters of the United States Army for the Department of Texas. He became a merchant and invested in a line of schooners which imported supplies for both the soldiers and civilians direct from New York City to Corpus Christi. He married on February 11, 1856, Ellen Traver, a granddaughter of Judge Hume R. Fields who was a Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Virginia and afterwards Alabama.

At the outbreak of the Civil War, John Willett was tendered by the Confederate Government the position of Purchasing Agent with the rank of Major. However, he refused to muster into the Army as he did not want to abandon his English citizenship. The stumbling block was the technically of muster which would have caused him to automatically lose his English citizenship. The technically of muster was waivered by both parties, and he served the Confederate Government during the entire period of the war as their purchasing agent with the rank of Colonel, without compensation, assisting with the marketing of the cotton crop which was shipped to European ports and in supplying the Confederate Army with general supplies.

At the end of the war, he went to Mexico where he engaged in cotton raising at Hacienda, Puyetias, and near Laredo, in the Laguna District. He later moved to Saltillo and began the wholesale exportation of hides throughout the Republic of Mexico. He combined this enterprise with a general banking business which gradually extended until he maintained 18 banks. He purchased the Hacienda Nacimento, an estate of 276,000 acres in the northern part of the State of Coahuila, and invested heavily in real estate in Texas. He also invested in mining and transportation.

Colonel Willett died in Saltillo, Mexico, on November 23, 1904, and is buried there in the cemetery on the mountain side.

1. Walter: b abt 1858; of San Antonio, Texas.

2. John T. b abt 1860; of Saltillo, Mexico.

3 R. N: b abt 1862; m Magill; of Houston.

G.1.2.10.5.2.14
LAWRENCE WILLETT and CATHERINE TROOP of Nova Scotia

Lawrence Willett was born in 1799. He married about 1830 Catherine Troop. They were married 23 years before they had any children. (Bookstaver, page 48; Comstock, page 32).

1. Lawrence: b abt 1853; m Harriet Clark. See next G.1.2.10.5.2.14.1.

2. Margaret S: b abt 1855; m William Spurr.

3. Arminilla Caroline: b abt 1860; m Edward Anderson.

G.1.2.10.5.2.14.1
LAWRENCE WILLETT and HARRIET CLARK of Annapolis, Nova Scotia

Lawrence Willett was born about 1853 in Nova Scotia. He married about 1880 Harriet Clark.

1. James Alfred Coleman: b 1894; m about 1820. See next G.1.2.10.5.2.14.1.1.

H.1.2.10.5.2.14.1.1
JAMES ALFRED COLEMAN WILLETT of Belleisle, Annapolis County, Nova Scotia

James Alfred Coleman Willett was born in 1894 in a Belleisle, Annapolis County farm house which is presently owned by his son-in-law. He was a boy soldier in the Nova Scotia Militia (he lied about his age when, at 15, he joined the Annapolis Militia in 1909).

He was an officer in World War I.

Later, he was a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police during the unforgetable rum-running era of the Depression years.

1. Lawrence St. Clair: m Francis Crouse; d August 14, 1974 in Ottawa, Canada.

2. Imogen: m Harry R. Miller, an engineer of Belleisle, Annapolis County, Nova Scotia.

G.1.2.10.5.6

OBADIAH WILLETT of Southampton Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania

Obadiah Willett was born in 1755. As the Revolution began he saw his brother Walter go into Loyalist service with the British Legion. His cousin Samuel also enter service against the revolution, while another cousin, Augustine Willett became a radical patriot and a member of the Sons of Liberty.

On December 7, 1775, the Middletown Monthly Meeting found that Obadiah Willett "has been in the Practice of Military Service, and by disposition in which he appears, gave no encouragement of forsaking it. Testimony against him is signed."

In 1780, Obadiah married as his first wife Mary Biles, the daughter of Samuel Biles and Martha Jones (m February 9, 1758).

On March 2, 1780, "women Friends brought testimony against Mary Willett, late Mary Biles" (Middletown Monthly Meeting Minutes; Bailey, page 223).

Obadiah married as his second wife Esther Johnson. He held land in partnership with Phineas Paxson of Southampton Township. This land reverted to him upon Paxson's death in 1819. Obadiah lived and died in "the handsome home farm on the road between Buck Tavern and Langhorne" (Ely, volume I, page 114).

He died March 20, 1847, age 93 years.

"Will of Obadiah Willett dated November 4, 1843, of Southampton Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania:

bequeaths a 110 acre property on the Attleborough (now Langhorne) and Buck Road, cash legacies, and the use for 5 years of my Old Mansion House and garden to my son Samuel B. Willett and his sisters Julia Ann Willett and Rebecca Durell;

a yearly legacy of $15.00 for life to my daughter Martha B. Willett to be paid out of the foregoing bequests;

my family all except my daughter Martha shall occupy my Mansion House and remaining real estate for not exceeding 10 years, when my executors are to sell my real estate including the Mansion House and garden that Samuel and sisters has the use for 5 years;

out of the proceeds cash legacies to my granddaughter Mary Ann LaRue and to 2 of testator's daughters, and the balance equally to my following named children: Mary Vansant, Elizabeth Willett, Joshua B. Willett, Jonathan Willett, Deborah Willett, Louise Willett, and Jane Willett, subject to a dower of $40.00 per year to their Mother my wife Esther Willett, but if all my said children of my last wife shall agree to sell the real estate sooner, then my executors may do so;

my children residing on the Farm to pay my daughter Mary Vansant an equal share or 1/7 part of a just rent for the property yearly, and likewise for any of the rest of them that shall leave the Farm before it is sold;

my nephew Charles W. Biles to be agent and guardian to my son Jonathan Willett during life, to take charge of my said son and all of his property and to keep him genteely and to give him money at all times for judicious purposes;

executors: my daughter Mary Vansant and my nephew Charles W. Biles (Bucks County Wills; Bailey, pages 223-224).

(Bailey, page 223; Bookstaver, pages 43-44; Comstock, pages 32-33; 1850 Southampton Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, census).

1. Julia Ann: b abt 1782.

2. Samuel B: b 1783 in Pennsylvania; m abt 1815 Julia (b 1786). (1850 Southampton Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, census).

3. Sarah: b 1785.

4. Charles: b 1788.

5. Martha B: b 1789. (1850 Southampton Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, census).

6. Deborah: b abt 1790; m abt 1815 Augustus Mitchell.

7. Rebecca: b abt 1793; m abt 1820 Samuel Durell. (Bookstaver, pages 48-49).

    1. Ophelius Durell: b abt 1822.

    2. Mary Durell: b abt 1825.

    3. Charles Durell: b abt 1827.

    4. Mary Durell: b abt 1830.

8. Mary: b abt 1800; m abt 1825 Franklin Vansant (b February 19, 1802). (Bookstaver, page 49).

    1. Frederick Vansant: b abt 1827.

    2. Franklin Vansant: b abt 1830.

    3. Mary C. Vansant: b abt 1832; m Edward Towns.

    4. James W. Vansant: b abt 1835.

    5. Laura Vansant: b abt 1837.

9. Joshua B: b abt 1807.

10. Deborah: b abt 1812; m Richard Hoagland. (Bookstaver, page 49).

    1. Richard Hoagland: m Jennette Brower.

    2. Nellie Hoagland: m Samuel Shoemaker.

    3. Virginia Hoagland:

    4. Fanny Hoagland:

11. Elizabeth: b 1815 in Pennsylvania. (1850 Southampton Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, census).

12. Jonathan: b 1820 in Pennsylvania. (1850 Southampton Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, census).

13. Jane S: b abt 1823; m after 1847 Edward Van Sant (Vansant). (Bookstaver, page 49).

1. Belle Van Sant: b abt 1851.

2. Mary F. Van Sant: b abt 1853.

3. Edward W. Van Sant: b abt 1855.

4. Josephine Van Sant: b abt 1857.

5. Louisa W. Van Sant: b abt 1860; m Edward C. Folke.

14. Lousia: b 1825; m after 1850 Theodore Van Arsdalen. (1850 Southampton Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, census).

G.1.2.10.5.9
JOHN WILLETT and SARAH WALTON of Philadelphi and Bucks County, Pennsylvania

John Willett was born about 1760 in Bucks County, Pennsylvania. He married about 1780 Sarah Walton (d after 1825). In 1784, he is "cited for military exercises as a militia man" by the Quaker Monthly Meeting. Testimony against him was delivered, but, he made no appeal."
John Willett died after 1804. (Bailey, page 224).

1. Jonathan: b 1785; m February 7, 1813, Elizabeth Sickles; d July 9, 1837. See next G.1.2.10.5.9.1.

2. Ann (Anna): b October 29, 1800, at Philadelphi, Pennsylvania; m March 22, 1820, at Bucks County, Pennsylvania, Beaumont Stowman (b January 3, 1795, at Philadelphi; d October 1, 1870, in Miami County, Indianna); d April 22, 1869, in Miami County Indianna; buried in the Old Cemetery, Mexico, Miami County, Indianna. See next G.1.2.10.5.9.2.

G.1.2.10.5.9.1
JONATHAN WILLETT and ELIZABETH SICKLES
of Chester County, Pennsylvania, and New York City

Jonathan Willett was born in 1785, probably in Bucks County, Pennsylvania. He married on February 7, 1813, Elizabeth Eves Sickles at the office of Isaac Hicks, Justice of the Peace, of Newtown, Bucks County, Pennsylvania. Elizabeth was from Chester County, Pennsylvania. They resided in Bensalem Township. Most of their children lived in or around Philadelphi in the 1870s.
He died July 9, 1837, in New York City. (Bookstaver, page 52; Comstock, page 30).

1. Anne: b 1813.

2. Mary: b 1814.

3. Sarah: b 1815.

4. Anne: b 1818.

5. Elizabeth: b 1819.

6. Jonathan: b 1823; m abt 1845 Hannah (b 1824 in Pennsylvania); he was a miller. (1850 Northampton Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania).

1. Allen: b 1844 in Pennsylvania. (1850 Northampton Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania).

2. Franklin: b 1846 in Pennsylvania. (1850 Northampton Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania).

3. Elizabeth: b 1850 in Pennsylvania. (1850 Northampton Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania).

7. Margaret: b 1825.

8. Allen: b 1826 in Chester County, Pennsylvania; m 1st abt 1844 Henrietta Eves; m 3d Margaret Elizabeth Douglas Wise; m 4th Alice Davis; resided at, London Bridge, Princess Anne County, Virginia; d July 12, 1897, in Norfolk, Virginia. See next G.1.2.10.5.9.1.8.

9. John: b 1828.

10. Samuel: b 1830.

11. Charles: b 1832.

12. Lewis: b 1833.

G.1.2.10.5.9.1.8
ALLEN WALTON WILLETT of London Bridge, Princess Anne County, Virginia

Allen Walton Willett was born in 1826, in Chester County, Pennsylvania. He married 1st about 1844 Henrietta Eves Sickles (b abt 1825; d abt 1857 in Princess Anne County, Virginia; buried in Wilmington, Delaware). She was from Wilmington, Delaware.

Allen married a 2d time. This wife's name is unknown; however he must have married her about 1860. She died soon after her marriage. Allen left the north as a young man and came south to Maryland were he lived at least from 1847 until 1850. He became a southerner at heart, and supported the southern ideals, and when the war eventually came, he chose to support his adopted south.

At some point, after 1850, he moved to Norfolk, Princess Anne County, Virginia. He joined the Confederate Army as a Lieutenant when the war came, thus alienating himself from his northern family ties. It is a family tradition that he served briefly in the Wise

Light Dragoons, 15th Virginia Cavalry. As the war progressed, his services as a grist mill operator were considered to be of greater benefit to the Confederate Government. He was released from active duty, and operated grist mills in the Princess Anne area for the benefit of the Confederacy.

On February 5, 1864, Allen W. Willett purchased for $6,000.00 due him from James G. Smith and John J. Burroughs, the plantation known as "Pembroke" which contained 600 acres, and a portable steam saw and grist mill. It appears that Allen may have borrowed the money from Thomas S. Sand and his wife.

Allen purchased one acre of marsh land in the village of Kempsville, Princess Anne County, from William P. Morgan, for $50.00 on June 7, 1866. On July 25, 1867, Allen purchased 88 ¾ acres on Kellum Road from Peter Dilworth and Emma L., his wife.

His daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Sickles Stryker kept in touch with his relatives in Philadelphi, and Washington, and even visited them several times after the Civil War.

Allen Willett made his home in the London Bridge section of Princess Anne County. He married on June 27, 1866, at Princess Anne County, Virginia, as his 3rd wife, Margaret Elizabeth Douglas Wise (b 1838; d 1868), the daughter of John Cropper and Nannie Wise of Accomack County, Virginia, and the niece of Governor Henry Wise of Virginia.

He was a reasonably prosperous farmer and a lumber merchant. In 1870, he had 2 white domestic servants living in his household (1870 Princess Anne census). He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of London Bridge. He married late in 1868 or early in 1869 as his 4th wife, Alice J. Davis (b 1843 in Virginia). She was a native of Portsmouth, Virginia.

Allen Walton Willett died at St. Vincent's Hospital, on July 12, 1897, at the age of 70 years and 9 months, at Norfolk, Virginia.

Bookstaver is confused by Allen Walton Willett's marriages, and lists the children by his 3rd wife as the children of a son.

(Bookstaver; page 49; Comstock, page 30; 1870 Princess Anne County census).

1. Elizabeth Eves Sickles: b November 6, 1846, in Baltimore, Maryland; m November 20, 1890, Andrew Thomas Stryker (b 1846), the son of Samuel and Sarah Stryker; they resided in Norfolk, Virginia; d October 16, 1927, in Norfolk, Virginia; no issue. (1870 Princess Anne County census).

2. Virginia H: b November 3, 1856, in Wilmington, Delaware; m June 11, 1879, Judson William Wade Stephen (b September 26, 1852; d August 15, 1911) of Portsmouth, Virginia; resided in Norfolk, Virginia; d July, 1915, in Anderson, South Carolina; buried in the Silver Brook Cemetery, Anderson, South Carolina. (1870 Princess Anne County census). See next G.1.2.10.5.9.1.8.2.

3. Walton Wise: b November 6, 1867, in Virginia; m October 7, 1917, at Spartanburg, South Carolina, Sarah Lewis Coffin (b October 22, 1883). (1870 Princess Anne County census). See next G.1.2.10.5.9.1.8.3.

4. Allen P: b 1869 at Norfolk, Virginia; resided at Virginia Beach, Virginia; will dated December 14, 1948; never married; resided at Cape Henry and Virginia Beach, Virgina; d July 21, 1957, in Norfolk, Virginia; buried in the Elmwood Cemetery, Norfolk, Virginia. (1870 Princess Anne County census).

5. Katherine (Kate) Alliene: b March 12, 1871; m December 9, 1896, John Broughton (b 1856 at Macon, Bibb County, Georgia), the son of John and Mattie A. Broughton; resided

at Norfolk, Virginia; d January 20, 1958; buried in the Elmwood Cemetery, Norfolk, Virginia.

1. James Walton Broughton: b February 2, 1903, in Norfolk, Virginia; m Neil Craddock; resides at 105 West Severn Road, Norfolk, Virginia; no issue.

2. Katherine Broughton: b December 28, 1897, in Norfolk, Virginia; m Charles F. Pilley; resides in Norfolk, Virginia.

1. Charlotte Broughton Pilley: b 1930; m Elia Shepard.

2. Charles Franklin Pilley: b 1933; m Judy Edland.

3. Elizabeth Willett Broughton: b August 19, 1908, in Norfolk, Virginia; m Arthur Guy; d July, 1959; no issue.

4. Alliene Broughton: b February 24, 1913, in Norfolk, Virginia; unmarried; of Asheville, North Carolina.

6. Carl Hampton: b February 27, 1876, at Seaboard, Virginia; m Ruth Taylor; resided at Lynnhaven, Princess Anne County, Virginia.

7. Paul: b abt 1880 at Norfolk, Virginia.

8. Alice: b 1884 at Norfolk, Virginia; d September 15, 1893, age 9, at Princess Anne County, Virginia. Six of her young schoolmates were pall bearers. The funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon, and proceeded from the residence of her parents at London Bridge, to the family burial lot.

G.1.2.10.5.9.1.8.2
HENRIETTA VIRGINIA WILLETT and JUDSON WILLIAM WADE STEPHENS
of Anderson, South Carolina

Henrietta Virginia Willett was born on November 3, 1856, at Wilmington, Delaware. Her parents removed to Princess Anne County, Virginia, when she was still a young child.

She married on June 11, 1789, Judson William Wade Stephens (b September 26, 1852; d August 15, 1911) of Portsmouth, Virginia. She died on July 1, 1915, and is buried in the Silver Brook Cemetery, Anderson, South Carolina.

1. Jennie Willett Stephens: b October 6, 1882, in Norfolk, Virginia; m December 24, 1907, in Anderson, South Carolina, Oscar Frederick Taylor (b December 17, 1880, at Comer's Rock, Grayson County, Virginia; d October 16, 1955, in Atlanta, Georgia; buried in the Silver Brook Cemetery, Anderson, South Carolina); d June 1, 1973, in Quitman, Georgia; buried in the Silver Brook Cemetery, Anderson, South Carolina.

1. Judson Willett Taylor: b January 22, 1914, in Anderson, South Carolina; resides at 242 Summer Place, Norcross, Georgia, 30071.

G.1.2.10.5.9.1.8.3
WALTON WISE WILLETT and SARAH LEWIS COFFIN of Waynesville, North Carolina

Walton Wise Willett was born on November 6, 1867, in Virginia. About 1900, he was living in Savannah, Georgia, while pursuing the career of a banker. He married late in life. His much younger bride-to-be was in training and worked as a nurse. He married on October 7, 1917, at Spartanburg, South Carolina (her former home and the home of her parents) Sarah Lewis Coffin (b October 22, 1883).

Walton Wise Willett died in 1953 at the age of 85 in Waynesville, North Carolina.

1. Margaret Wise: b August 19, 1918, at Savannah, Georgia; resides at Waynesville, North Carolina; unmarried.

2. William Coffin (twin): b May 3, 1921, at Savannah, Georgia; resides at Wayneville, North Carolina.

3. Walton Wise, Jr (twin): b May 3, 1921, Savannah, Georgia; resides at Wayneville, North Carolina; m Peggy Moore; resides in Asheville, North Carolina.

1. Leah D: b December 27, 1965; resides at Asheville, North Carolina.

G.1.2.10.5.9.2
ANN WILLETT and BEAUMONT STOWMAN of Warren County, New Jersey

Ann (Anna) Willett was born on October 29, 1800, at Philadelphi, Pennsylvania. She married on March 22, 1820, at Bucks County, Pennsylvania, Beaumont Stowman (b January 3, 1795, at Philadelphi; d October 1, 1870, in Miami County, Indianna).

Anna (Willett) Stowman died on April 22, 1869, in Miami County Indianna; buried in the Old Cemetery, Mexico, Miami County, Indianna.

1. Charles Willett Stowman: b November 23, 1821, at Philadelphi, Pennsylvania; m August 28, 1849, at Greene County, Ohio, Mary Chambers (b April 15, 1827, Greene County, Ohio; d July 4, 1905, Miami County, Indianna); d January 14, 1875, at Miami County, Indianna.

2. Henry Stowman: b October 23, 1824, at Northampton County, Pennsylvania; d.y.

3. Mary Jane Stowman: b August 11, 1827, at Northampton County, Pennsylvania; m January 18, 1853, at Warren County, New Jersey, Isaac Cutler.

4. Augustus Stowman: b May 14, 1830, in Warren County, New Jersey; m March 20, 1860, Elizabeth Morrison; d October, 1915, at Lisbon, Ransom County, North Dakota.

5. Emmaline Stowman: b April 5, 1832, in Warren County, New Jersey; m February 20, 1855, at Easton, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, Levi Cook.

6. Ann Stowman: b October 10, 1834, at Warren County, New Jersey; lived in Minnesota; unmarried.

7. Edmund Stowman: b June 27, 1836, at Warren County, New Jersey; m October 19, 1880, Sarah J. Murden at Miami County, Indianna.

8. Ann Eliza Stowman: b October 3, 1841, at Warren County, New Jersey.

9. Sarah A: Stowman: b July 16, 1844, at Warren County, New Jersey.

10. Nathan Stowman: b January 22, 1839, at Roxbury, Warren County, New Jersey; m Margaret (Hawkins) Walker; he was a Civil War veteran; d June 4, 1881; buried in Old Cemetery, Mexico, Miami County, Indianna.

G.1.2.10.5.13
JONATHAN WILLETT of New York City

Jonathan Willett was married in 1794. The Middletown Monthly Meeting reported in September, 1794, that he had married "a woman not in Society with Friends, with whom he has been guilty of fornication. Jonathan Willett reported as having left these parts and Testimony against him to be delivered on opportunity" (Bailey, page 224).

In 1823, and afterwards, Jonathan Willett is listed in the New York City Directories, first as a cooper, and then as a grocer. (Bailey, page 224).

1. Walter: b abt 1795.

2. Jonathan: b 1799; lived in New York City; d July 9, 1837? in New York City "aged 38 years, leaving an estate of about $4,000.00 and surviving heirs, two brothers, Walter and Obadiah Willett. On July 11, 1837, Randolph Lowerie of New York City was appointed administrator of the estate and guardian of the brother Obadiah Willett" (Bailey, pages 224-225).

3. Obadiah: b abt 1818.

G.1.2.10.6

SAMUEL WILLETT and ELIZABETH LAWRENCE of Bucks County, Pennsylvania

Samuel Willett was born on February 12, 1724, at Black Stump between Jamaica and Flushing, Long Island, on the old Willett homestead. His parents were active Quakers. He married at the Reformed Dutch Church about 1747 Elizabeth Lawrence (b February 10, 1729), the daughter of Samuel Lawrence and a younger sister of his brother John's wife.

> "Some accounts describe Samuel Willett as of Black Stump; so he may have lived near or with his father-in-law, Samuel Lawrence of Blackstump" (Bailey, page 225).

However, the young couple soon left for Bucks County, Pennsylvania, affilating with the Middletown Monthy Meeting.

Samuel Willett died an early death at the age of 33 in Bucks County "happily missing the Revolution which rent asunder the loyalties of his immediate family" (Bailey, page 225).

His widow married January 15, 1761, Joseph Thorton, bachelor, in the Dutch Church of North and Southampton, Bucks County. Joseph Thorton, being a Quaker, was censured for this marriage in a church by several Monthly Meetings of Middletown in 1761, but the marriage was finally accepted by the Meeting on November 5, 1761.

> "Will of Samuel Willett dated June 9, 1757, of Northampton Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, yeoman:
>
> names wife, Elizabeth, and brother-in-law, Joseph Thomas, executors;
>
> devises a plantation to eldest son Augustine Willett, a minor, and to youngest son Lawrence Willett;
>
> also to daughter Catherine and Caroline.
>
> Proved: June 11, 1761" (Bucks County Wills 7-91; Bailey, page 226).

(Bookstaver, page 42; Comstock, pages 29-30).

1. Catherine: b June 22, 1750; named for her father's sister; m October 13, 1766, Joseph Comly (b November 25, 1741/42; d April 20, 1830), the son of Henry Comly, in the Dutch Church of North and Southampton (Reg. of Dutch Church of North and Southampton, Bucks County; Bailey, page 226). They lived at "Green Briar Spring" the ancestral homestead of the Comly family in Moreland Township, Pennsylvania (near the present Somerton); d July 31, 1826, age 76.

2. Caroline: b May 5, 1750; named for her father's sister; m November 14, 1770, Augustine Stevenson (b April 22, 1744). In the 6th month, 1771, the Women's Monthly Meeting of Middletown Friends requested a testimony against Caroline Stevenson, late Caroline Willett for the outgoings in marriage (Middletown Monthly Records; Bailey, page 227). She died May 1, 1813; w 1810; p November 3, 1813 (Stevenson, page 93).

3. Augustine: b 1751 in Bucks County, Pennsylvania; m Elizabeth Hicks; d 1824. See next G.1.2.10.6.3

4. Lawrence: b abt 1755; named as the youngest son in his father's will of 1757.

5. Samuel: b May 5, 1756; m in Nova Scotia on December 20, 1786, Leah de St. Croix; d November 15, 1839, age 87. See next G.1.2.10.6.5.

G.1.2.10.6.3

AUGUSTINE WILLETT and ELIZABETH HICKS of Attleborough, Pennsylvania

Augustine Willett was born in 1751 in Bucks County, Pennsylvania. He was named for his mother's brother Augustine Lawrence.

Augustine married by license on October 2, 1770, Elizabeth Hicks (b 1755; d May 24, 1833) the daughter of Gilbert and Mary (Rodman) Hicks of Fourlanes End (now Langhorne), Bucks County, Pennsylvania. The Quaker Meeting responded to this marriage.

> "Augustine Willett reported to the Middletown Monthly Meeting having married in a disorderly manner with a woman not in community with Friends and without consent of her parent" (Middletown Monthly Meeting Records; Bailey, page 227).

In 1775, he inherited a silver cream pot and a pepper box from his grandmother, Mary Lawrence, of Flushing, Long Island.

Augustine's father-in-law, Gilbert Hicks, was a Loyalist, and their political sentiments must have caused a great deal of animosity. After the war, Hicks followed the Loyalist migration and died in Nova Scotia on March 8, 1786.

Augustine was an ardent patriot. At the outbreak of the war, he raised a company in the lower end of Bucks County at his own expense. He became an officer of the Continental Army and was commissioned a Captain of the 1st Pennsylvania Battalion on October 27, 1775. He was with General Benedict Arnold in the terrible march to Quebec in the winter of 1775 and had his feet badly frozen; he was taken prisoner after the death of General Montgomery. He took part in the battles of White Plains, Trenton, Gremantown, and Brandywine, and was with Washington at Valley Forge. He subsequently served as Major and Lieutenant Colonel of the Pennsylvania Militia from May, 1780, to the close of the war.

He was an imposing figure on his white horse, followed by his favorite black body servant, Priam, on a black horse. Priam was with his master in the army and accompanied him in all his goings.

Willett belonged to the Bristol Masonic Lodge (organized March 15, 1780).

He was a Major of General Murray's Brigade of Pennsylvania Militia in the Whiskey Insurrection of 1794. He was commissioned a Brigader General in 1800.

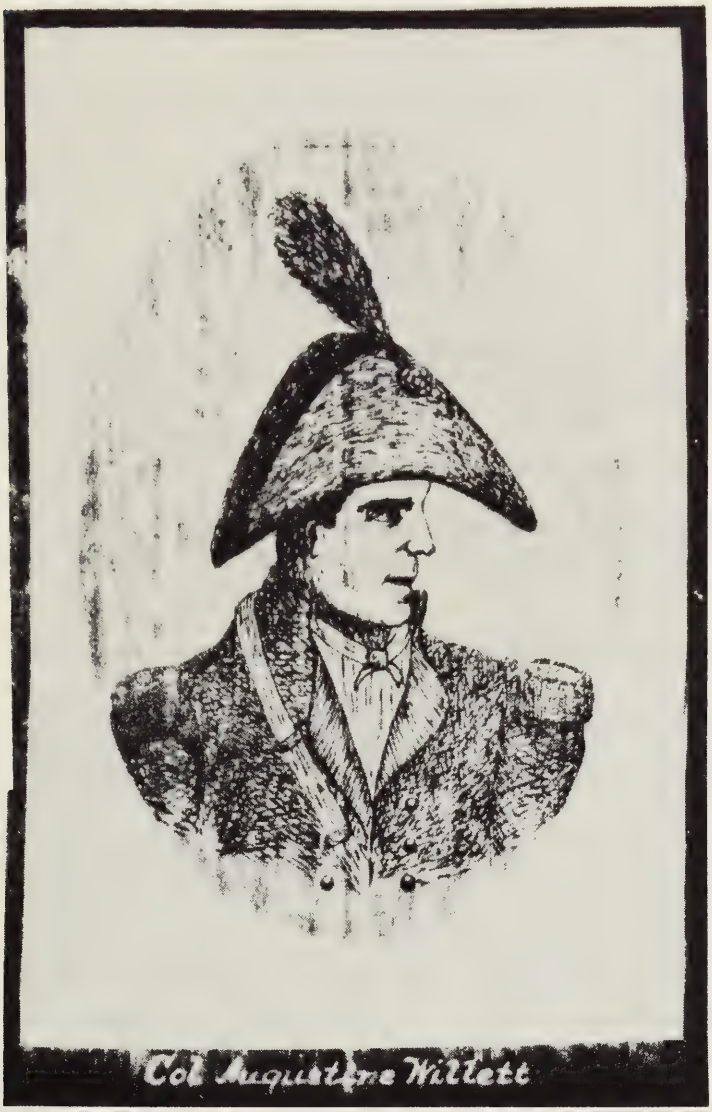
The Willett homestead stood along the valley not far beyond the Neshaminy Creek at Oakford on the road leading from Langhorne, in the Township of Bensalem. He died in 1824, and was buried in the Friends burying ground at Attleborough (now Langhorne). The plantation at the time of his death was divided into farms for his children. His coat and hat, sidearms, rapier and pistols are in the Bucks County Historical Society.

"Will of Augustine Willett dated October 13, 1821, of Bensalem Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania:

names wife Elizabeth, son Joseph, John Paxon of Bensalem, and Charles Dyer of Moreland Township, executors;

devises to wife the use of 234 acres during her lifetime;

devises real estate to son Joseph, daughters Mary, Elizabeth, and Sarah and their children, and to daughters Grace, Euphemia, Margaret, and Lydia Willett.



Proved: December 22, 1824" (Bucks County Wills 10-335; Bailey, page 228).

(Bailey, pages 45-47; Bookstaver, 45-47; Comstock, pages 33-34).

1. Margaret: b 1790 in Pennsylvania; m abt 1815 William Longstreet. She is in the 1850 census. Her sisters, Euphemia, and Grace, are living with her. (1850 Bensalem Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania).

2. Euphemia: b 1792 in Pennsylvania.

3. Horatio Gates: b abt 1793.

4. Grace: b 1794 in Pennsylvania.

5. Abigail: b abt 1795.

6. Lydia: b abt 1796; m abt 1820 James Street.

    1. Margaret Street: b 1823 in Pennsylvania.

7. Elizabeth: b abt 1797; m Samuel Cox.

7. Mary: b abt 1798; m abt 1820 Daniel Walmsbury.

8. Joseph R: b abt 1799; m Margaret Van Horne.

9. Sarah A: b 1800; m abt 1818 William Parry.

    1. Magdalen Parry: b 1819.

    2. Elizabeth Parry: b abt 1820; m Paul Knight.

    3. Phoebe Parry: b abt 1822; m William Meyers.

    4. Mary Louisa Willett Parry: b 1824; m William B. Alburger (b October 10, 1818).

G.1.2.10.6.5
SAMUEL WILLETT and LEAH DE ST. CROIX of Nova Scotia

Samuel Willett was born on May 5, 1756, in Bucks County, Pennsylvania. It is usually difficult to identify Samuel's parents. The following facts help to properly identify him.

"Samuel Willett inherited silver from his grandmother, Mary Lawrence, of Flushing" (Bailey, page 228).

"This places him in the family. This leads me (Miss Rosalie Bailey) to wonder if he were a posthumous child" (Bailey, page 228).

One of his brothers was the noted patriot Colonel Augustine Willett of the Continental Army. The empending war was tearing at the very foundation of this extended Willett Quaker family. His cousin Walter was keeping faith with the King, and Samuel also kept his allegiance to the King. On September 5, 1776, the Middletown Monthly Meeting noted:

> "The overseers report that Samuel Willett and Benjamin Scott, two young men who had a birthright amongst Friends of this Meeting, are gone and entered in the War, and as War is so inconsistent with Friends testimony, it is the sense of this Meeting that they be immediately testified against" (Middletown Monthly Minutes; Bailey, page 228).

Samuel's allegiance to King George led him to serve as a Coronet of a Cavalry Regiment in the British Legion. When the war was over, Samuel accompanied his cousin Walter (G.1.2.10.5.2) in the Loyalist migration of 1783 to Nova Scotia and settled at Wilmot, Annapolis County. It was here that he received half pay for his services to the crown. On the Muster Roll of Discharged Officers taken in Annapolis in 1784, he is listed as Cornet, Discharged Officer, British Legion, who settled at Granville and has only one servant.

By following the Loyalist migration to Nova Scotia, Samuel Willett (and his descendents) became part of a group known as United Empire Loyalists.

At this time he had one servant in his household. He received 500 acres in Wilmot Township, Annapolis County. In December 20, 1786, he married Leah de St. Croix (b April 29, 1759; d June 20, 1834, age 75 years), the daughter of a French Huguenont Loyalist who came to the country at the same time.

> "Samuel Willett was a man of good education and fine intellectual powers, scrupulous and exact in the performance of his duties."

He died at Yarmouth on November 19, 1839, age 87 (Nova Scotia Gazette, December 4, 1839).

(Bailey, page 228; Bookstaver, pages 44-45; Comstock, pages 34-35; History of the County of Annapolis, page 628; the exact dates of the births of Samuel's children are taken from his Bible record which was published in the Nova Scotian Genealogist, 1984).

1. Samuel: b 1787 in Nova Scotia; m 1812 Elizabeth Hanshan (b 1797; d February 5, 1834, at Flushing, Long Island). See next G.1.2.10.6.5.1.

2. Joshua: b April 25, 1788, in Nova Scotia; m 1811 Catherine Durland. See next G.1.2.10.6.5.2.

3. Benjamin: b December 20, 1789, in Nova Scotia; m Phoebe Woodbury; no issue.

4. Walter: b July 25, 1791, in Nova Scotia; m Mary Wheelock (d December 7, 184x? at age 60), the daughter of Obadiah Wheelock. See next G.1.2.10.6.5.4.

5. Thomas: b May 16, 1793, in Nova Scotia; m Deborah Wilson. See next G.1.2.10.5.4.5.

6. Augustine: b April 15, 1795, in Nova Scotia; died young.

7. Lawrence: b January 23, 1797, in Nova Scotia; unmarried.

8. Leah: b September 10, 1799, in Nova Scotia; m John Pittman.

9. Eliza: b June 19, 1801, in Nova Scotia; died young.

10. Caroline: b April 1, 1803, in Nova Scotia; died unmarried.

11. Temple: b March 4, 1805, in Nova Scotia; died young.

12. Margaret: b December 30, 1806, in Nova Scotia; m 1835 John Willett (G.1.2.10.13.1.2) son of Lawrence Willett.

13. John R: b November 8, 1808, in Nova Scotia.

14. Louisa: b March 8, 1812, in Nova Scotia; m abt 1835 Walton.

1. Jennie Walton: b abt 1837.

G.1.2.10.6.5.1

SAMUEL WILLETT and ELIZABETH HANSHAN of Nova Scotia and Flushing, Long Island

Samuel Willett was born in 1787 in Granville, Nova Scotia. He married 1st in 1812 Elizabeth Hanshan (b 1797; d February 5, 1834, at Flushing, Long Island). They removed for a while to Charleston where he practiced law, and at Edisto Island, South Carolina, and then settled at Flushing, Long Island, New York in 1822.

He married 2d Margaret J. Hamilton (b 1820; d March 28, 1869, age 49, at Brooklyn, New York). He was a vestryman of St. George's Church, Flushing. He died in Flushing on December 10, 1867. Both he and his 2d wife are buried in the Flushing Cemetery.

1. Elizabeth Ann: bp July 20, 1821, age 3 months.

2. Martha: bp June 23, 1823.

3. Maria Nanes: bp June 12, 1824.

4. Margaret L: b April 20, 1824; m May 6, 1840, Colonel William C. Thompson; d May 21, 1887.

5. Louisa: b March 21, 1837.

6. Emma Seabrook: b May 30, 1830; m August 23, 1849, Peter S. Nostrand; m 2d Thompson; d April 28, 1858.

7. Seabrook Edings: b August 4, 1832; m Mary Frances; resided in Brooklyn, New York City; d November 20, 1865.

1. Samuel: b abt 1855.

2. Emma: b abt 1860.

G.1.2.10.6.5.2
JOSHUA WILLETT and CATHERINE DURLAND of Nova Scotia

Joshua Willett was born in 1788 in Nova Scotia. He married in 1811 Catherine Durland. (Bookstaver, page 50; Comstock, page 36; History of the County of Annapolis, page 628).

1. Mary: b 1812 in Nova Scotia; m abt 1830 Balcom.

2. Gilbert: b 1814 in Nova Scotia; d 1817.

3. Catherine: b 1817 in Nova Scotia; m abt 1835 Joseph Jacques.

4. Leonora (Lavina): b 1818 in Nova Scotia; m abt 1835 Ryar (Ryer).

5. Matilda: b 1820 in Nova Scotia; d 1821.

6. Gilbert: b 1822 in Nova Scotia; m in the United States on September 22, 1846 Hannah P. Blanchard. See next G.1.2.10.6.5.2.6.

7. Daniel: b 1824 in Nova Scotia; m Ward.

8. Bamford: b 1826 in Nova Scotia.

G.1.2.10.6.5.2.6
GILBERT F. WILLETT and HANNAH P. BLANCHARD of Norfolk County, Massachusetts

Gilbert Willett was born in 1822 at Wilmot, Nova Scotia. Bookstaver says that he married in the United States. A Gilbert F. Willett who had been born in Nova Scotia in 1822 married on September 22, 1846, at Abington, Norfolk County, Massachusetts, Hannah P. Blanchard (b 1823), the daughter of Reuben and Sophia Blanchard of Weymouth, Norfolk County, Massachusetts. G. F. Willett was a soldier in the 4th Cavalry, Co B, in the late 1840s. His usual occupation was shoemaker. (1850 Census of Norfolk County, Massachusetts; Systematic History Fund (Series) Vital Records, Abington Marriages, page 235; Weymouth Births, page 355).

1. Stella: b August 19, 1848, at Weymouth, Norfolk County, Massachusetts. (1850 census).

2. Walter Huntington: b November 26, 1846, at Weymouth, Norfolk County, Massachusetts. (1850 census).

G.1.2.10.6.5.4
WALTER WILLETT and MARY WHEELOCK of Nova Scotia

Walter Willett was born in Nova Scotia in 1791. He married about 1810 Mary Wheelock (d December 7, 184x? age 60), the daughter of Obadiah Wheelock. He died on January 18, 1853, age 62 years.
(Bookstaver, pages 50-51; Comstock, page 36).

1. Mary: b 1814; m abt 1835 John Webster.

2. Louisa (Lavina): b abt 1816; m Archibald Walker; d May 1, 1897.

3. Walter Huntington: b 1818; d March 1, 1838, age 21 years, unmarried.

4. Rachel: b 1820; m Isreal Gilliatt; d May 10, 1892, age 72 years, at Granville Ferry.

5. Cylena (Lelma, Selma): b March 23, 1823; m Samuel Pickup; d September 18, 1904, age 82.

1. Samuel Walter Willett Pickup: b abt 1850; a member of the Nova Scotia Legislature.

6. Lucy Irene: b 1827; m abt 1850 James Palmer; d January 25, 1852, age 25.

G.1.2.10.6.5.5
THOMAS WILLETT and DEBORAH WILSON of Nova Scotia

Thomas Willett was born on May 17, 1793, at Annapolis, Nova Scotia. He married about 1820 Deborah Wilson (b February 2, 1800, at Barrington, Shelburne County, Nova Scotia; d April 14, 1881). The dates of births and deaths are taken mainly from the Mountain Cemetery West, at Yarmouth, Nova Scotia.
(Bookstaver, page 50; Comstock, page 36).

1. Lindley: b 1825; d 1888.

2. Anna: b 1828; m 1st A. H. Spinney; m 2d Harvey G. Tedford; d 1914.

3. George: b 1830; d 1903, unmarried.

4. Benjamin: b 1836; d 1864.

CHAPTER EIGHT
RICHARD WILLETT OF ST KITTS AND NEW YORK CITY

H.1
RICHARD WILLETT and MARY WILLETT of New York City

Richard Willett was born about 1679? It is unknown where he was born. He may be the son of John Willett or Ralph Willett of Barbados and St. Christopher. He is said to have come to New York City from the Caribbean Island of St. Christopher (St. Kitts for short). St. Christopher is part of the Leeward Island chain which includes Anguilla, Barbuda, Antigua, Nevis, and Guadeloupe. Further south is the Windward Island chain that includes Dominica, Martinque, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, Grenada, and Barbados. There was a Willett family living at St. Christopher about this time, but it is unknown it Richard is a part of this family.

He is living in New York City before 1695 when he was made a freeman of the city. He is of no known connection to the Thomas Willett family (Chapter Eight) who he lives beside on Dock and Duke Streets. On December 22, 1697, he married by license Mary Willett (b 1681; d 1710) (G.1.2.4) the daughter of Thomas Willett.

Richard Willett must have maintained close ties with the West Indies from which he reputedly came, because in both 1696 and 1698 he travelled to Barbados.

> "1696, Richard Willett, at present of New York, merchant, being bound for Island of Barbados, grants power of attorney to friend Matthew Ling, of New York City, Merchant" (Bailey, page 94).

> "1698, Richard Willett of New York, merchant, given power of attorney by Benjamin Legacy of Island of Barbados, planter" (Bailey, page 94).

Mary Willett died about 1701; on November 1, 1701, her father Thomas Willett gave his son-in-law Richard Willett the marriage portion which was his deceased wife's. This was a lot and a house fronting Duke Street (now Stone Street) and Dock Street (now Pearl Street) in the Dock Ward. When Richard Willett came into possession of it, the lot fronted on the East River. Later more city blocks were created out of fill, and Dock Street (now Pearl Street) was added. The lot was just one lot away front the old Dutch City Hall and Great Tavern. His father-in-law owned 5 adjoining lots and kept a house on the center lot.

The New York City Census of 1703 does not include any children in Richard Willett's household. Richard Willett married on March 30, 1703, as his 2d wife, Frances Durvall (B 1681), The daughter of William Durvall (Derevel). It is assumed that all of his children are by her.

Richard Willett remained the rest of his life in New York City. He was made an alderman of the Dock Ward in 1706. From 1703 until 1710, he was enrolled as a Captain of the 1st Company of New York City Militia Regiment. He was a vestryman and warden of Trinity Church from 1698 until 1721.

He and his sons were merchants in the trade between New York and the West Indies. As such a merchant, he can be expected to have owned one or more sloops. He kept his close ties with St. Christopher, his son John seems to have had financial interests in the rum trade with this island and eventually, in 1762, moved first to St. Christopher and

then to St. Croix.

In 1714, Richard Willett and his wife, Frances Willett, sold property in New York City. He died between May 9, 1722, and July 17, 1722.

> "Will of Richard Willett of New York City, merchant, dated July 17, 1722:
> bequeaths to my beloved wife Frances my dwelling until she remarries;
> provides for the education and maintenance of my children;
> my estate to be equally divided among my children (not named) when the youngest is of age" (Bailey, page 94).

1. John: b abt 1704; m abt 1730 Francis (d after 1762); d in 1767 on St. Croix Island, West Indies. See next H.1.1.

2. Martha: b abt 1705; m 1728 (or before) Captain William Lawrence.

3. Thomas: b abt 1707; m October 15, 1737, Elizabeth Lawrence (d 1711; d October 23, 1776, age 65); d in 1768 in New York City. See next H.1.2.

4. Ralph: b abt 1710; he was a mariner who made his home in New York City. In 1741, he deeded for the sum of £ "all my right, title, etc. in law and equity in all my estate belonging to my said Honoured father wherever situated" (Bailey, page 94).

H.1.1
JOHN WILLETT of New York City, St. Christopher, and St. Croix

John Willett was born in New York City about 1704. He must have been raised in his father's merchant trade. Most likely his father owned one or more sloops that worked the coastal trade between Boston to the north and the West Indies. He married about 1730 Francis (d after 1762).

In 1741, he was a merchant residing in Boston, Massachusetts. He returned to New York City.

In 1756, his wife, Francis, advertized for sale 180 acres of land in Queens County, Long Island. She is described as a merchant at Wall Street, New York City, who sells good St. Christopher rum by the hogshead.

In 1758, John Willett, merchant, was a resident of St. Christopher who was engaged in shipping and privateering. On June 14, 1758, the Willem, a (German?) schooner of 30 tons was condemned as a lawful prize in Jamaica. It was renamed the Adventure and sold in Charleston, South Carolina, on September 1, 1758. The new owners were Charles Ogilvie, John Ward (merchants of New York), and John Willett (merchant of St. Christopher) (South Carolina Historical Magazine, "Ship Registers in the South Carolina Archives 1734-1780," page 197).

In 1762, John Willett was described as a merchant late of New York City but now of St. Christopher. His wife was still then residing in New York City.

Late in 1762, the Spanish took the Catherine a brigantine, of 60 tons out of St. Christopher. The owners of the Catherine were John Clement, and Robert Calhoun (of St. Christopher). However the Catherine was retaken from the Spanish by the H. M. S.

Bonetta, and on February 4, 1763, the vice-admiralty court at Charleston restored the ship to John Willett and Robert Calhoun (South Carolina Historical Magazine, "Ship Registers in the South Carolina Archives 1734-1780," page 209). It must be assumed that John Willett was a partner with John Calhoun at this time.

A little later he moved to the Island of St. Croix; John Willett died on the Island of St. Croix, West Indies, in 1766 or early 1767. His will was probated on January 20, 1767.

> "Estate of John Willett, late of Island of Santa Croix, merchant, deceased: administration granted to Viner Leaycraft of New York City, mariner, principal creditor of said John Willett, deceased."

Viner Leaycraft, Jr., had married on July 10, 1764, Rachel Willett (New York Marriages, page 460; M. B., volume VIII, page 253). Rachel Willett was a daughter of John Willett, Jr. (see G.1.2.1.7.1) and Elizabeth Oakley, of Westchester County, New York.

H.1.3
THOMAS WILLETT and MARY LAWRENCE of New York City

Thomas Willett was born in New York City about 1707. On October 15, 1737, he married Elizabeth Lawrence (b 1711; d October 23, 1776, age 65) by New York license (NYML 461).

They resided in New York City. In 1741, he purchased his brother John's share in their father's home and lot fronting on the Dock Square. Thus, this property had been in the ownership of a Willett family for nearly 100 years. It originally was patented by Thomas Willett in 1643 (grandfather to Thomas Willett's mother).

He wrote his will on December 26, 1766, just before he was leaving on a journey. His will was probated June 16, 1768. Thus, Thomas was in his sixties when he died.

> "Will of Thomas Willett of New York City, merchant, being about to depart beyond the sea, dated December 26, 1766:
> bequeaths one-third to wife Elizabeth;
> £ 50 of balance to my son John;
> residue to said John, and son-in-law Christopher Billop and Thomas Miller, and friend Joseph Royall.
> Probate June 16, 1768" (Bailey, page 95).

Elizabeth Willett was still living in 1772, when she had a land transaction in New York City. (Comstock, pages 25-26).

1. John: b abt 1738; returned to London, England, probably during the Revolutionary War; sold his lot New York City Dock and Duke Street lot in 1783. See next H.1.3.1.

2. Frances: b November 2, 1739; m November 2, 1762, Christopher Billot (variously Billoff; Billiot). (New York Marriages, page 461).

3. Martha: b 1740; m October 12, 1756, Thomas Miller. (New York Marriages, page 461).

H.1.3.1
John Willett of New York City and London, England

John Willett was born in New York City about 1738. It is not known if he married. It is most likely that he was a Loyalist to King George; sometime during the Revolutionary War he moved to London, England. It was as a resident of London, in 1783, that he sold the old Willett lot fronting on Duke and Dock Streets that had been in a Willett family for over 140 years (since 1643).

> "January 4, 1783, John Willett of City of London, merchant, to John B. Coles of New York City, merchant:
>
> for £ 1125 sell all those two messauges, Houses, and lot of ground in the Dock Ward of New York City;
>
> bounded Southeast by Dock Street 36'-2" on Northeast by the house and land of Jacob de Key lately but now owned by Robert C. Livingston, the line running Northwesternly 47' then more northernly to Duke Street 42'-4" on Northwest by Duke Street 18'-8" and on the Southeast 95'-5" by house and land heretofore of Tobais Ten Eyck but now owned by heirs of the late Anthony Ten Eyck" (NYD 44-484; Bailey, pages 6-7).

CHAPTER NINE
WESTERN NEW YORK STATE: ALONG THE ERIE CANAL

This chapter deals with Willett families who lived in western New York State and primarily with families who settled the Mohawk Valley and the counties that border the Erie Canal. Between the Revolution and 1800, the population of New York State increased by more than 75%. This was due to immigration and a shift in the population from the New England States into the virgin wilderness of northern New York.

I.1
ABRAHAM WILLETT
of New Jersey and Cicero Township, Onondaga County, New York

This branch has a family tradition of descent through a New Jersey Willett family. There were several Willett families who could be the ancestor of this branch. Usually, William Willett and Hannah Foster are claimed as the parents of Abraham, William, and the other children. It is not proven that he is the William Willett, the miller of Potterville, New Jersey. A William Willett is reputed to have moved from Hunterdon County, New Jersey, to New York state (probably Onondaga County) with all his family except a son and 2 daughters.

Bookstaver finds a family there in Onondaga County whose descendents trace (again by tradition) to New Jersey and Flushing, Long Island. In 1800, there were 4 Willett families living in Onondaga County. Abraham Willett was living at Cicero Township, and was over 45 (i. e., born before 1755). There was one female age between 26 and 45, probably his wife, and one son under 10. If the tradition is true, then Abraham had come to Onondaga County with his wife and son Abraham (age 7 in 1800).

However, there was also a William Willett family in Cicero, Onondaga County, New York. He was age between 26 and 45, and had a female, probably his wife, who was over 45. Then there were 2 daughters, age between 16 and 25, 1 daughter, age between 10 and 15, 2 daughters under 10, and 1 son under 10. It is unknown how William Willett is related to Abraham, although it may be that he was a brother.

Then there is a Benjamin Willett living in Framington County. He is over 45. There is a female, age between 26 and 45, probably his wife. There is a son, age between 26 and 45. There was a son age between 16 and 25, and 2 daughters under 10. Again, it is unknown how this Benjamin Willett fits into the family.

Finally there was an Artimus Willett family living in Salinas Township, Onondaga Township. He is over 45 (i. e., born before 1745); there is not a female who could be his wife. There are 2 sons, age between 26 and 45; 1 daughter age between 16 and 25; and 1 son and 1 daughter under 10. Again, he and his family ancestry is unknown.

The genealogical sketch in this chapter is highly conjectual; it follows family tradition as published by J. E. Bookstaver in 1907. Bookstaver includes a son William who is supposedly born in 1761; however, the information that he gives conflicts with this William being part of the Onondaga County Abraham Willett family.

(Bookstaver, pages 65-66; Early Germans of New Jersey, pages 568-569; 1800 Cicero Township, Onondaga County, New York, census).

1. (son): b abt 1780.

2. (daughter): b abt 1785.

3. (daughter): b abt 1787.

4. Pamelia: b abt 1790.

5. Abraham: b 1793; m abt 1814 Betsey Bugsby (b 1796 in Connecticutt); resided Virgil Township, Cortland County, New York. See next I.1.5.

6. Jane: b 1802.

7. Hannah: b abt 1803? m abt 1825 Alfred Smith. See next I.1.3.

8. Experience: b abt 1804?

9. Patience: b abt 1806?

10. William: b 1809; m abt 1830 Tryphena Jackson; resided Onondaga County, New York. See next I.1.10.

11. Ann: b abt 1815?

I.1.5
ABRAHAM WILLETT and BETSEY BUGSBY
of Virgil Township, Cortland County, New York

Abraham Willett was born in 1793 probably in Onondaga County, New York. He married in 1814 Betsey Bugsby (b 1796). They lived in Virgil Township, Cortland County, New York. (Bookstaver, page 67; 1850 Virgil Township, Cortland County, New York, census).

1. Enoch: b 1815; m abt 1840 Sophia Davis; resided Onondaga County, New York. See next I.1.5.1.

I.1.5.1
ENOCH WILLETT and SOPHIA DAVIS of Virgil Township, Cortland County, New York

Enoch Willett was born in 1815 probably in Cortland County, New York. About 1838, he married Sophia Davis (b 1818). (Bookstaver, page 67; 1850 Virgil Township, Cortland County, New York, census).

1. Charles A: b 1840; m Helen M. Sperry; resided Cortland, Cortland County, New York; no issue. (Bookstaver, page 67; 1850 Virgil Township, Cortland County, New York, census).

I.1.7

HANNAH WILLETT and ALFRED SMITH of Onondaga County, New York

Hannah Willett was born about 1803 in Onondaga County, New York. She married about 1825 Alfred Smith (b 1804, at Brookhaven, Long Island; d in New York in 1844). Mr. Smith was a tanner, currier, farmer, and shoemaker. They first lived in Oswego County and farmed, and then about 1830 moved to Onondaga County, New York, where they resided until the death of Alfred Smith. Hannah's children began the westward movement to Michigan; eventually, the whole family immigrated to the counties of Ionia, Montcalm, and Gratiot.

Hannah (Willett) Smith, as Mrs. Alfred Smith changed her surname to Willett by an Act of the Michigan Legislature. Hannah (Willett-Smith) Willett died on December 28, 1874. (Bookstaver, page 68; Portrait and Biographical Album, 1891, pages 771-772).

1. Alfred Milan Smith Willett: b April 18, 1829, in Oswego County, New York; m September 8, 1852, Julia Yager; resided in Ionia County, Michigan. See next I.1.7.1.

2. Abraham W. Smith Willett: b abt 1833; m Anna Miner; d in Wayne County, New York. See next I.1.7.2.

3. Gordon A. Smith Willett: b August 23, 1835, at Onondaga County, New York; m Mary E. Yates; resided at Ionia County, Michigan. See next I.1.7.3.

4. James W. Smith Willett: b abt 1842; m Amelia German; resided Stanton, Montcalm County, Michigan. See next I.1.7.4.

5. Jane Smith Willett: b abt 1844; m James P. Cumming; d at Augusta, Kalamazoo County, Michigan.

I.1.7.1

ALFRED MILAN SMITH WILLETT and JULIA YAGER of Ionia County, Michigan

Alfred Milan Smith Willett was born April 18, 1829, on a farm in Oswego County, New York. When he was about 6 months old, his parents moved to Onondaga County, New York. Here he received a common school education; at the age of 18, he was apprenticed to learned the joiners trade and taught winters.

> "In 1850, he made his way to Minnesota and spent a summer at St. Anthony's Falls, now East Minneapolis. In November of the same year, he returned to New York, where he remained until the fall of 1853. His next change of residence was to this state (Michigan), and from his arrival in Ionia County until 1860 he worked at his trade in Muir. In the latter part of that year he bought a farm and abandoned his trade for the life of a farmer" (Portrait and Biographical Album, 1891, page 772).

He married at the bride's home on September 8, 1852, Julia Yager, the daughter of Wandel Yager.

"The war broke in upon Mr. Willett's dreams of quiet, rural life, and in 1861 he recruited a company which, in the early months of its career was popularly known as "Willett's Fifth Company of Sharp-Shooters." It was mustered into Colonel Berdan's famous regiment and did a great deal of duty on outposts and as skirmishers. It was one of the six companies of sharp-shooters organized in Michigan and of its one hundred and eleven members Ionia County contributed forty-eight, Montcalm thirty, Washtenaw eleven, Eaton seven, Clinton four, St. Joseph three, and Ingham, Wayne, Monroe, and St. Clair each one. The company rendezvoused at Detriot and was mustered into service March 4, 1862. Captain Willett was in active service thirteen months, when he resigned on account of disability.

After his return from Southern battlefields, Captain Willett made his farm one of the best in the vicinity, rendering it popular by his great success in breeding fine sheep" (Portrait and Biographical Album, 1891, page 772).

"Mr. Willett makes a specialty of breeding American merino sheep, and is more extensively engaged in that business than any other person in the county" (History of Ionia and Montcalm Counties, Michigan, Schenck, 1881, page 276).

He was Supervisor several terms and president of the agricultural society. In 1881-1882, and 1883-1884, he was a representative from Ionia County, Michigan. In 1888, he was elected a Probate Judge.

(Bookstaver, page 70; (History of Ionia and Montcalm Counties, Michigan, Schenck, 1881, page 276); Michigan Biography, Volume II, page 449; Legislative Manual of the State of Michigan for the Year 1883, Conant, page 522; Portrait and Biographical Album of Ionia and Montcalm Counties, Michigan, 1891, pages 771-772).

1. Eva M; b abt 1854; m James Bamborough of Ionia Township.

2. Carrie H; b abt 1855; m John D. Strachan of Muir, Michigan.

3. Allie J; b abt 1857.

I.1.7.2
ABRAHAM SMITH WILLETT and ANNA MINER of Michigan

Abraham Smith Willett was born about 1833. He married about 1855 Anna Miner. They resided in Michigan. He died in Wayne County, New York. (Bookstaver, page 70).

1. Mary; b abt 1857.

2. Jennie; b abt 1860.

I.1.7.3

GORDON A. SMITH WILLETT and MARY E. YATES of Ionia County, Michigan

Gordon A. Smith Willett was born August 23, 1835, in Onondaga County, New York. His father died when he was nine.

> "He left home after the death of his father, and lived with Robert Fields, the senior member of the firm of Earl, Clark, and Company, of Vesper, Onondaga County, New York. He remained with them for seven years and while there was allowed to attend school about half the time, alternating this with work in the store. Later he spent a year with Henry A. Shaw, a merchant in Otisco, New York, serving him as clerk" (Portrait and Biographical Album, page 819).

> The young man came to Michigan in 1855 and first settled at Ionia, where he spent a year with the firm of Lake, Wilson, and Kennedy. After that he wrote for some time in the Register's office. In 1857, he pur- that he wrote for some time in the Register's office. In 1857, he purchased a half interest in the Gothic mills at Lyons, which he sold out in 1858. He engaged as agent for Soule, Robinson, and Company in the sale of real estate" (Portrait and Biographical Album, pages 819-820).

He married on January 16, 1862, Mary E. Yates, the daughter of Job L. and Jane (Sessions) Yates. The Yates were early settlers of Ionia County, having arrived in 1835.

> "After marriage, Mr. Willett aided in the recruiting service and in April, 1862, he went to Washington, in expectation of being appointed Quartermaster of Berdan's Sharp Shooters. He was, however, disappointed in this plan, owing to some changes which were necessarily made in the organization of the regiment. He was however engaged in the employ of the Sanitary Commission as Executive or Administrative Agent. For a time he was in charge of their supplies on the store ship, and afterward on the ship "Elm City," which was engaged in carrying sick and wounded soldiers from the battlefields and camp hospitals to hospitals in the cities. He was susequently transferred to the ocean steamer "S. R. Spaulding" and continued thus until the demands for ships in the transportation of troops was so great as to necessitate the employment of every one in that service, thus crippling the Sanitary Commission. In 1863 and 1864, Mr. Willett resided in Washington City" (Portrait and Biographical Album, page 820).

> "In 1865, our subject went ot the oil fields of Ohio and leased oil lands from which he has never had any income, but still (in 1891) holds his leases on this unproductive property. After becoming discouraged there, he returned to Michigan where he indulged in stock speculation. In 1867, he formed a partnership with his father-in-law, J. S. Yates, and bought a stock of farming implements, hardware, field seeds, etc., and engaged in this line of trade, continuing in it for ten years, after

> which Mr. Willett took the business alone and carried it on until a paralytic stroke in 1885 compelled cessation of business. This paralysis was the result of an injury as Mr. Willett had been thrown from his buggy upon the railroad track and severely injured upon the head" Portrait and Biographical Album, page 820).

(Bookstaver, page 70; Portrait and Biographical Album, 1891, pages 819-820).

1. Herbert L: b abt 1863; Pastor of the Church of Christ at Dayton, Ohio (1891).

2. Arthur F: b abt 1865; a store keeper at the asylum.

3. Leslie G: b abt 1870.

4. Enos Hale: d October 10, 1884, in infancy.

I.1.7.4

JAMES W. SMITH WILLETT and MARY ANNETTE GERMAIN of Ionia County, Michigan

James W. Smith Willett was born on March 13, 1839, in Auburn, Cayuga County, New York. He came to North Plains, Ionia County, Michigan, in 1856, at the age of 17, where his brother, the Hon. A. Milan Willett, had previously settled. He married in 1864 Mary Annette Germain (b June 18, 1845), the daughter of the Hon. G. W. Germain of North Plains. They resided in Stanton. (Bookstaver, page 70).

> "In 1872, in company with his brother, he engaged in the manufacture of sash, doors, and blinds in the village of Muir. Here he suffered the loss of his property by fire, and in 1876 removed to Stanton and built the mill he now operates. He is at present (1881) engaged in lumbering in connection with his planing-mill, and owns twelve hundred acres of farming and pine lands" (History of Ionia and Montcalm Counties, Michigan, Schenck, page 492).

> "In his political and religious affliations, Mr. Willett is a Republican and a member of the Church of the Disciples. He is a man of pronounced temperance principles, and the cause finds in him an earnst advocate and a strong supporter" (History of Ionia and Montcalm Counties, Michigan, Schenck, page 492).

1. George: b abt 1865.

2. William: b abt 1867.

3. Genevra: b abt 1870.

4. Eva: b abt 1872.

5. Grace: b abt 1875.

6. Fern: b abt 1877.

I.1.10
WILLIAM WILLETT and TRYPHENA JACKSON of Onondaga County, New York

William Willett was born in 1809 in Onondaga Township, Onondaga County, New York. He married about 1830 Tryphena (Triphosa) Jackson. (Bookstaver, page 67; 1850 census).

1. Elizabeth (Etta): b 1838; m abt 1860 Theodore Lord; no issue. (1850 census).

2. Consider H: b 1841 in Onondaga Township, Onondaga County, New York; m abt 1865 Addie Wilder. See next I.1.10.1.

3. Mary L. (Lucia): b 1847; m abt 1870 Fish. (1850 census).

    1. Willett Fish:

I.1.10.1
CONSIDER H. WILLETT and ADDIE WILDER of Chicago, Illinois

Consider H. Willett was born in 1841 in Onondaga Township, Onondaga County, New York. He married about 1863 Addie Wilder. They resided in Chicago, Illinois. (Bookstaver, page 69).

1. Consider: b abt 1865.

2. Roscoe: b abt 1867.

3. Lucille: b abt 1870

4. Pearl:

5. Myrtle:

6. Maybelle:

7. Grace:

8. Helen:

I.2
JOHN WILLETT of Barre Township, Genesee County, New York

John Willett was born about 1771 (between 1770 and 1780). His wife, name unknown at present, was born about 1768 (between 1760 and 1770). In 1810, Joseph and William Willett lived next door to John Willett in Barre Township, Genesee County, New York. These were John Willett's eldest sons. In 1810, John Willett had 3 children under the age of 10 living in his household; possibly these are grandchildren instead of children.

John Willett was a very early settler in Genesee County, probably one of the first settlers. The Erie Canal had not even been seriously thought of when he was farming in Barre Township. Barre Township was a part of Genesee County until 1825 when Orleans County was formed out of it.

There is some conjecture in the next 2 generations, and more research will have to be done before these generations are considered to be absolutely proven.

(1810, 1830 Barre Township, Genesee (and Orleans) County, New York, census).

1. Joseph: b abt 1798 (between 1790 and 1800); m abt 1820 (wife's name unknown); resided in Barre Township, Orleans County. In 1820, Joseph owned one slave.

On March 27, 1813, Joseph Willett purchased 158 acres, being the south part of Lot 35 in the Town of Ridgeway, Genesee (now Orleans) County, New York. He transferred 50 acres of Lot 54 on February 2, 1831. On December 1, 1837, Joseph purchased 85 acres of Lot 41 in the Town of Barre.

2. William: b 1805 (between 1800 and 1810); married about 1823 (wife's name unknown). She was born about 1805 (between 1800 and 1810). Lived in Barre Township, Orleans County, New York. See next I.2.2.

I.2.2
WILLIAM WILLETT of Barre Township, Orleans County, New York

William Willett was born about 1805 (between 1800 and 1810). He married about 1823 (wife's name unknown). She was born about 1805 (between 1800 and 1810). They lived in Barre Township, Orleans County, New York.

William Willett purchased 75 acres in the Town of Barre being Lot 54 on December 19, 1837.

1. Ira: b 1825 in Orleans County, New York; m abt 1852 Maria D. (b 1829 in Genesee County, New York). They lived in Ridgeway, Orleans County, New York in 1850, and in Alabama, Genesee County, New York in 1875. See next I.2.2.1.

2. Mary: b 1827 in New York.

3. Merrick: b 1829 at Barre Township, Orleans County, New York; m about 1854 Edith J. Pratt; d March 14, 1909, at Medina, Orleans County, New York. See next I.2.2.3.

4. Emmy: b 1834 in New York.

I.2.2.1
IRA WILLETT and MARIA of Ridgeway, Orleans County, New York

Ira Willett was born in 1825 in Orleans County, New York. He married about 1852 Maria D. (b 1829 in Genesee County, New York). They lived in Ridgeway, Orleans County, New York in 1850, and in Alabama, Genesee County, New York in 1875.

(1850 Ridgeway, Orleans County, New York, census; 1875, Alabama, Genesee County, New York, census).

1. Albert: b 1855 in Orleans County, New York. (1875 Alabama, Genesee County, census).

2. William: b 1856 in Orleans County, New York. (1875 Alabama, Genesee County, census).

3. Charles: b 1860 in Genesee County, New York. (1875 Alabama, Genesee County, census).

4. Samuel: b 1865 in Genesee County, New York. (1875 Alabama, Genesee County, census).

5. Henry: b 1867 in Genesee County, New York. (1875 Alabama, Genesee County, census).

6. Hattie: b 1869 in Genesee County, New York. (1875 Alabama, Genesee County, census).

7. Frederick: b 1874 in Genesee County, New York. (1875 Alabama, Genesee County, census).

I.2.2.3
MERRICK WILLETT and EDITH J. PRATT
of Ridgeway Township, Orleans County, New York

Merrick Willett was born in 1829 in the town of Barre, Orleans County, New York. He married about 1854 Edith J. Pratt (b July 29, 1835, in Murray, Orleans County, New York; d December 10, 1910, in Ridgeway, Orleans County, New York), the daughter of Elisha Pratt and Harriet Squires (b 1798 in Vermont). They are mentioned in the 1850 through 1880 Federal censuses, and in the New York state censuses of 1855 and 1865.

Merrick Willett owned a farm in Ridgeway, Orleans County, and most likely all his children were born there. In 1865, his mother-in-law, Harriet Pratt, was living with them. According to the 1880 census, Merrick's parents were also born in New York state.

Merrick Willett died on March 14, 1909, in Medina, Orleans County, New York.

(1865 Ridgeway Township, Orleans County, New York State, census).

1. Adella A: b October, 1854, in Orleans County; m abt 1879, Charles H. Buncy; d 1937 in Buffalo, Erie County, New York; buried in West Ridgeway, Orleans County, New York. (1865 Ridgeway Township, Orleans County, New York State, census). See next J.2.2.31.

2. Flora I: b May, 1858, in Orleans County; m January 24, 1884, Elisha Blount. (1865 Ridgeway Township, Orleans County, New York State, census). See next J.2.2.3.2.

3. William E: b January 18, 1861, in Orleans County; m January 11, 1882, Eliza Parker; d January 29, 1936, in Los Angeles, Pomona County, California; buried in the Roosevelt Cemetery. (1865 Ridgeway Township, Orleans County, New York State, census). See next J.2.2.3.3.

4. Charles: b January, 1863, in Orleans County; m DeBald; d December 6, 1932; buried in the Boxwood Cemetery, Orleans County, New York. (1865 Ridgeway Township, Orleans County, New York State, census). See next J.2.2.34.

5. Mary E: b 1868; m 1890 James Loades; d December 27, 1947; buried in West Ridgeway, Orleans County, New York. See next J.2.2.3.5.

6. Ira B: b 1870; m Winniford Forbes; d 1952; buried Bates Road Cemetery, Orleans County, New York. See next J.2.2.3.6.

7. Adelbert Hiram: b August 7, 1873; m May 30, 1899, Jessie M. Culver; d July 12, 1952; buried Boxwood Cemetery, Orleans County, New York. See next J.2.2.3.7.

8. Lillian E: b August 10, 1878; m November 10, 1897, Jessie Mosher; d March 26, 1952; buried West Ridgeway, Orleans County, New York. See next J.2.2.3.8.

9. Frank: b August 1, 1881; m Lillian; d 1920.

I.2.2.3.1
ADELLA A. WILLETT and CHARLES H. BUNCY of Orleans County, New York

Adella A. Willett was born on October, 1854, in Wayne County, New York. She married about 1879, Charles H. Buncy. She died in 1937 in Buffalo, Erie County, New York; buried in West Ridgeway, Orleans County, New York.

1. Eugene Buncy: b February 21, 1880, in Hulberton, Orleans County, New York; m September 3, 1905, Bessie Mosher at Niagara County, New York; d March 5, 1965, Gasport, Niagara County, New York.

2. Harvey E. Buncy: b 1884; m 1st Eva; m 2d Julia; d March 20, 1969.

3. Floyd Buncy: b 1886; m Mabel.

4. Myrtle Buncy: m 2d Murphy.

5. Edgar (Edward?) C. Buncy:

6. Edith Buncy:

7. Walter J. Buncy: m Julia R.

I.2.2.3.2
FLORA IDA WILLETT and ELISHA BLOUNT of Ridgeway, Orleans County, New York

Flora I. Willett was born on May, 1858. She married at Shelby, Orleans County, on January 24, 1884, Elisha Blount (b May, 1858, in Orleans County; d abt 1929).

1. Nina Blount: b June, 1886; m John Collins.

2. Roy Blount: b November, 1889.

3. Harry (Harvey) E. Blount: b August 3, 1893, at Ridgeway, Orleans County, New York.; m Inez M. Morority; he was a barber in Medina, Orleans County.

4. Charles Blount: b June, 1897.

I.2.2.3.3
WILLIAM WILLETT and ELIZA PARKER of Los Angeles, California

William E. Willett was born on January 18, 1861 in Ridgeway, Orleans County, New York. He married on January 11, 1882, Eliza Parker. They moved to California around the 1890s and did not keep in touch with their relatives.

He died on January 29, 1936, in Los Angeles, Pomona County, California; buried in the Roosevelt Cemetery.

1. Mae E. (adopted): m Oliver.

I.2.2.3.4
CHARLES WILLETT and CATHERINE DEBALD of Orleans County, New York

Charles Willett was born on January, 1863, at Ridgeway, Orleans County, New York. He married about 1885 Catherine DeBald.

Charles died on December 6, 1932; buried in the Boxwood Cemetery, Orleans County, New York.

1. Frederick Merrick: b 1886; m Harriet Livingston; no issue.

2. Harriet Ethel: b September 11, 1890, in Ridgeway, Orleans County, New York; m November 26, 1913, William J. Fox.

3. Adelbert: b September 16, 1893, at Ridgeway, Orleans County, New York; d 1948.

4. Charles William: b July 1, 1911, in Medina, Orleans County, New York; m January 23, 1943, Helen Carr (b 1865; d September 3, 1934), at Claredon, Orleans County, New York; d April 11, 1965, at Buffalo, Erie County, New York. He is buried at Boxwood, Orleans County.

1. Patricia Ann: b January 1, 1945, Albion, Orleans County, New York; m March 5, 1966, Medina, Orleans County, New York.

2. Pamela Jean: b April 17, 1952, Medina, Orleans County, New York; m November 17, 1973, Larry Paul Myhill (b November 21, 1950, Medina, Orleans County, New York), in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

I.2.2.3.5
MARY E. WILLETT and JAMES LOADES of Ridgeway, Orleans County, New York

Mary E. Willett was born in 1868. She married in 1890 James Loades. She died on December 27, 1947, and is buried in West Ridgeway, Orleans County, New York.

1. Earl W. Loades: b April 6, 1891, in Ridgeway, Orleans County, New York; m October 12, 1912, Edith J. Howlett; d June 5, 1959.

2. Irma Loades: b February 7, 1898, in Ridgeway, Orleans County, New York; m Frank Crowley.

3. May Loades: b May 12, 1900, in Ridgeway, Orleans County, New York; m John Fidinger; no issue.

I.2.2.3.6
IRA B. WILLETT and WINNIFORD FORBES of Orleans County, New York

Ira B. Willett was born on August 19, 1870, at Ridgeway, Orleans County, New York. He married on September 1, 1892, Winniford Forbes. They were divorced in the early 1920s. He died in 1952 and is buried at the Bates Road Cemetery, Orleans County, New York.

1. Merrick: b September 25, 1894, at Oak Orchard, Orleans County, New York; m Hendricke (Rika) DeHay (d April 7, 1978, at Rochester, Monroe County, New York); resided at Rochester, New York; d after 1971.

1. Forbes: b April 26, 1919, at Ridgeway, Orleans County, New York; resided in Rochester, New York; m Alice (d June 8, 1977; buried Webster Rural Cemetery).

2. Geraldine: b abt 1921; m Richard Christopher.

3. Velon: b abt 1923; m Kenneth Banker.

2. Sharon: b abt 1904;

3. Eva: b September 5, 1901; d August 18, 1902; buried at Bates Road, Orleans County, New York.

4. Pearl L: b 1908; d 1918; buried at Bates Road, Orleans County, New York.

I.2.2.3.7
ADELBERT HIRAM WILLETT and JESSIE M. CULVER
of Medina, Orleans County, New York

Adelbert Hiram Willett was born on August 7, 1873, at Ridgeway, Orleans County, New York. He married at Medina, Orleans County, New York, May 30, 1899, Jessie M. Culver. He died on July 12, 1952 and is buried at the Boxwood Cemetery, Orleans County, New York.

1. Ruth: b April 24, 1900, in Medina, Orleans County; d September 2, 1900, and buried in Boxwood, Orleans County.

2. Lloyd Culver: b July 5, 1901, in Medina; m 1st December 1, 1922, Mable Parmelle; m 2d Margaret Clark; d November 28, 1962, in Rochester, Monroe County, New York.

3. Harold Pearson: b July 26, 1903, at Medina, Orleans County, New York; m April 2, 1929, in Shelby Township, Orleans County, New York, Edna Linke; d December 12, 1975, at Medina and is buried at Shelby Basin, Orleans County, New York.

1. Rita May: b May 5, 1931, in Orleans County, New York; m Al Hamilton; resides in Webster, New York.

2. Martha June: b June 22, 1933, Orleans County, New York; m James Ferguson; resides in Lockport, New York.

3. Joan Anette: b February 6, 1938, Orleans County, New York; m Donald Down; resides in Englewood, Colorado.

4. Margaret E: b September 30, 1905, in Medina, Orleans County, New York; m February 28, 1933, Richard O'Hearn; d May, 1975, in Rochester, Monroe County, New York.

1. Richard Michael O'Hearn: b October 28, 1933, at Albion, Orleans County, New York.

2. Donald Thomas O'Hearn: b March 2, 1935, Albion, Orleans County, New York; m 1959 Ruth Engle.

5. Marvin Pratt: b December 22, 1912, in Medina, Orleans County, New York; m in Augusta, Richmond County, Georgia, March 25, 1945, Lola Levins (b December 1, 1912, Batavia, Genesee County, New York), the daughter of Charles and Jeanette (Walters) Levins; he is a carpenter, and served in World War II.

1. Martin Alan (adopted): b February 10, 1952, Flint, Genesee County, Michigan; m November 10, 1973, Charlene Shelly.

6. David: b March 14, 1922, Medina, Orleans County, New York; m August 11, 1944, Bette Cappelli.

I.2.2.3.8

LILLIAN E. WILLETT and JESSE E. MOSHER of Orleans County, New York

Lillian E. Willett was born on August 10, 1878, in Ridgeway, Orleans County, New York. She married on November 10, 1897, Jessie Mosher. She died on March 26, 1952, and is buried West Ridgeway, Orleans County, New York.

1. Theron J. Mosher: b October 2, 1899, in Orleans County, New York; m Ruth Sheldon; d May 23, 1950; no issue.

2. Mildred A. Mosher: b March 11, 1902, in Orleans County; m Edward King; d July 25, 1966.

3. Gladys L. Mosher: b September 20, 1905; m Albert L. Tallady.

CHAPTER TEN
SAMUEL WILLET of BOSTON, ERIE COUNTY, NEW YORK

J.1
SAMUEL WILLET of Boston (formerly Eden), Erie County, New York

Samuel Willet was born in January, 1772, in New Jersey. He married in New Jersey about 1795.

About 1813, he moved with his family to what was then the town of Eden, Erie County, New York. Eden is in the western portion of the state near Buffalo and Lake Erie. Later this became part of the town of Boston. Most likely, Samuel Willet was a Quaker; there is a large group of Quaker Willets living in New Jersey at this time; and many of his children and grandchildren were Quakers.

His wife died here sometime between 1821 and April 1841. Samuel sold the home farm to his son Christopher. However, he continued to live with his son, Christopher, and died there on December 24, 1865 at the age of near 95 (Donocker, page 5).

(1850, 1855, 1860, 1865 Boston Township, Erie County, New York).

"In the name of God Amen. I Samuel Willet of the town of Boston, County of Erie, and State of New York, of the age of Eighty years in January, 1852, and being of sound mind and memory do make, publish, and declare this my Last Will and Testament in manner and form following; that is to say:

I give and bequeath to my oldest daughter Catherine the sum of Three Hundred Dollars;

2nd: I give to my son David the sum of four hundred dollars;

3rd: I give to my daughter Elizabeth the sum of three hundred dollars;

4th: I give to my daughter Edee the sum of three hundred dollars;

5th: I give to my daughter Mary the sum of three hundred dollars;

6th: I give to my son Godfrey the sum of four hundred dollars;

7th: I give to my son Samuel the sum of four hundred dollars;

8th: I give to my son William the sum of four hundred dollars;

9th: I give to my son Christopher the sum of four hundred dollars;

10th: I give to my daughter Susannah the sum of four hundred dollars;

And lastly, I give and bequeath all my property, both real and personal estate, goods, and chattels of what nature or kind soever to be divided according to the above proportion among my ten children above named and further for the faithfully settling of my estate, I do appoint my sons, Christopher and Godfrey, my Executors of this my Last Will and Testament hereby revoking all former wills by me made.

I witness whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and seal this 13th day of April, 1852.

Samuel Willet

The above instrument Consisting of One Sheet of paper at the date thereof Signed, and Sealed by the said Samuel Willet as his Last Will and Testament in presence of us and each other, have Subscribed

thereto and we thereupon at his request in the presence of each other signed our names thereto as attesting witnesses.

Jeremiah Kester, residing at Boston, Erie County, New York
Thare Northup, residing at Boston, Erie County, New York"
(Liber 8, page 566, Book of Wills, Erie County, New York)

1. Catherine: b abt 1797; m Webster (d before 1866); resided in Illinois in 1866.

2. David: b 1799 in New Jersey; m abt 1822 Eliza Hambleton (b 1807; d July 22, 1851); d August 19, 1866, at Attica, Wyoming County, New York. See next J.1.2.

3. William: b abt 1800 in New Jersey; m abt 1825 Althea Pratt (b abt 1805 in Ontario, Canada); resided in Racine, Racine County, Wisconsin (Racine is just north of Chicago, Illinois, on Lake Michigan); d 1866. See next J.1.3.

4. Elizabeth: b September 4, 1802, in New Jersey; m abt 1820 William Paxton (b October 10, 1796; d June 24, 1871); d June 1, 1838, in Erie County, New York.

1. Mary Amanda Paxson: b abt 1821.

2. William Pierson Paxson: b 1823.

3. Samantha Paxson: b 1827; d Feburary 1925.

4. Louise M. Paxson: b 1831.

5. Mercy E. Paxson: b September 3, 1832; d Feburary 9, 1833.

6. Rosetta Paxson: b 1833; d May 12, 192(2)?

7. Erastus Paxson: b abt 1835.

5. Edith: b 1805; m abt 1825 Samuel A. Hambleton (b July 14, 1798, in Pennsylvania; d March 25, 1859); d March 24, 1838, in Erie County, New York.

6. Mary: b abt 1807; m abt 1830 Rowland (d before 1866); resided in Indiana in 1866.

7. Godfrey: b December 22, 1809, in New Jersey; m abt 1830 Rachel A. (b November 11, 1809; d March 11, 1844); d May 27, 1866, at the age of 76 in East Hamburg, Erie County, New York. See next J.1.7.

8. Samuel (Jr.): b abt 1812? m abt 1835 Selinda; resided in Lake County, Illinois, (just north of Chicago). See next J.1.8.

9. Christopher: b April, 1817, in Boston, Erie County, New York; m abt 1854 Catherine Lieb (b July 18, 1834, in Wurttemberg; d January 30, 1919, in Hamburg, Erie County, New York); d November 1, 1898. (1850 Town of Boston, Erie County, New York, census). See next J.1.9.

10. Susannah: b 1821 in Boston, Erie County, New York; d March 1, 1888.

J.1.2
DAVID WILLET and ELIZA HAMBLETON of Erie County, New York

David Willet was born in 1799 in New Jersey. About 1813, his father moved the family to Erie County, New York.

He married, about 1822, Eliza Hambleton (b July 11, 1807; d June 22, 1851), the daughter of Aaron and Hannah Hambleton.

About 1847, they moved to East Hamburg, Erie County, New York. He died intestate on August 19, 1866, in Attica, Wyoming County, New York.

His son, Freeman Willet, entered the following petition on September 9, 1867:

> "Your petitioner (Freeman Willet of East Hamburg), his son, of full age, and Hannah Donicker, Susan Webster, Edith Kester, Rosette Kester, Laura Mount, Rachel Wells, Eli Willet, Mariah Wilet, Charles Willet, and Eliza Willet, children of the said deceased, and that he left no widow."

(1865, 1875 East Hamburg, Erie County, New York, census).

1. Hannah: b October 14, 1823; m abt 1845 Rev. George Donnocker (b August 22, 1825, in Hauingen, Baden, Germany; he was baptized Johan Heorg Dannacker, the same as his father; d August 17, 1897, and is buried at Patchin). She died in 1903. See next J.1.2.1.

2. (daughter): b 1825; d 1825, died young.

3. Annie: b 1826; d 1829, died young.

4. Susan: b March 31, 1829; m September 14, 1854, Samuel Sylester Webster (b July 12, 1826; d October 12, 1881); resided at Webster's Corners, New York; d June 14, 1888, in East Hamburg, Erie County, New York.

1. Spencer Webster: m Mary J. (b July 10, 1934); resided at 86 Princeton Place, Buffalo; d Febuary 2, 1948.

5. Freeman: b March 9, 1831; m November 12, 1855, Sarah Ann Hampton (b 1835; d July 9, 1920); d February 22, 1920. See next J.1.2.5.

6. Edith: b March 18, 1833; m abt 1855 Levi B. Kester; resided Red Bluff, Tehama County, California. (1855 Erie County, New York, census).

1. Frank Kester: of Olene, Klamath County, Oregon.

2. Emma Kester: m Gardiner of 2292 North Adrian Avenue, Napa, California.

3. Charles Kester: m Myrtle; d 1931; resided at Westside, Lake County, Oregon.

7. Rosetta: b January 22, 1835; m abt 1853 Joseph T. Kester (b abt 1828).

1. Verna Kester: m Conger of Kent, Ohio.

8. Laura A: b January 26, 1837; m abt 1855 Emory Mount; resided Red Bluff, Tehama County, California. (1855 Erie County, New York, census).

1. Willet C. Mount: of Walnut Grove, Sacramento County, California.

2. Bert Mount: of 511 Shasta Avenue, Dunsmuir, California.

3. Arvilla J. Mount: m Earl Parr; of Livingston, Merced County, Pennsylvania.

9. Christopher C: b June 8, 1839; d 1860, age 21, unmarried. (1855 Erie County, New York, census).

10. Rachel Ann: b May 19, 1841; m abt 1860 Lester Welles; resided in Arcade, Wyoming County, New York. (1855, 1865 Erie County, New York, census).

1. Charles N. Welles: resided Carlsbad, California.

2. Rev. S. Bryant Welles: resided Waubay, South Dakota.

3. Stella Welles: m Carey Albro; resided Pike, New York.

4. Merritt Welles: resided Rosendale, Wisconsin.

5. Myra Welles: m Lewis; resided Rosendale, Wisconsin.

11. Eli: b July 23, 1843; m abt 1865 Maggie Moore (d October 13, 1931, in Oakland, California); d 1931. (1855 Erie County, New York, census). See next J.1.2.11.

12. Maria E: b June 26, 1846; m abt 1865 Noah Webster; d 1940; resided Orchard Park, Erie County, New York. (1855, 1865 Erie County, New York, census).

1. Clara Webster:

13. Charles H: b September 15, 1848; m November 28, 1871 Ella A. Moore (b September 1, 1851. He was a grocer who lived at 725 Prospect Avenue, Buffalo, New York; d August 11, 1936, in Buffalo, New York); d April 23, 1933, age 75, in Buffalo, New York; no issue. (1855 Erie County, New York, census).

14. Eliza P: b July 20, 1851; lived with her brother Christopher; d in May, 1940, in Pike, New York; unmarried. (1855, 1865 Erie County, New York, census).

J.1.2.1
HANNAH WILLET and GEORGE DONNOCKER of Erie County, New York

Hannah Willet was born on October 14, 1823. She married in 1845 Rev. George Donnocker (b August 22, 1825, in Hauingen, Baden, Germany; he was baptized Johan Heorg

Donnacker, the same as his father; d August 17, 1897, and is buried at Patchin). She died in 1903.

1. Eliza H. Donnocker: b March 17, 1848; d April 25, 1848, d.y.

2. Eli George Donnocker: b March 14, 1849; d October 10, 1850, d.y.

3. Luella Donnocker: b abt 1852; m John Blakely of Port Allegheny, Pennsylvania; d March 17, 1940.

4. Delbert Donnocker: b June 19, 1854; m 1st Agnes Mayberry; m 2d Sadie R. (Wilson) Wright; resided at Beacon, New York; d October 19, 1939.

5. Ellsworth Donnocker: b 1863; m Minnie; resided at 176 Winspear Street, Buffalo, New York.

6. Arthur Donnocker: b 1861; m Elizabeth; resided at 153 Baynes Street, Buffalo, New York.

7. Charlie Donnocker: b January 24, 1859; d October 31, 1880, killed in a hunting accident; buried in the Orchard Park Cemetery.

J.1.2.5

FREEMAN WILLET and SARAH ANN HAMPTON of East Hamburg, Erie County, New York

Freeman Willet was born March 9, 1831, in Erie County, New York. On November 12, 1855, he married Sarah Ann Hampton (b 1835; d February 22, 1921).
He died July 9, 1920. (1865, 1870 East Hamburgh, Erie County, New York, census).

1. Carrie M: b abt 1858, in East Hamburg, Erie County, New York; m 1st January 10, 1877, Marvin H. Brayton of Seneca Falls, New York; m 2d after 1933 S. S. Webster; d April 25, 1940, in Buffalo, New York. (1865, 1870 Erie County, New York, census).

2. Mary Adele: b 1862 in East Hamburg, Erie County, New York; m June 21, 1892, in Hamburg, Eugene Crowe (b 1868); resided in 1940 at 43 Mang Avenue, Kenmore, New York. (1865, 1870 Erie County, New York, census).

3. Fannie L: b 1871; m her relative, Osrow Willett (J.1.9.7); d 1968. See next J.1.9.7.

4. Albert Hampton: b 1877 in Buffalo, New York (named after his mother's family); m June 12, 1902, Anna Julia Allen (b 1880); resided at Box 626, Orlando, Florida; d 1968.

1. (child): d February 4, 1909, died young.

J.1.2.11
ELI WILLET and MAGGIE MOORE of Oakland, California

Eli Willet was born on July 23, 1843, in Erie County, New York. He married about 1865 Maggie Moore (d October 13, 1931, in Oakland, California). They moved to Oakland, California. He died in 1931.

1. Fred: b abt 1870; resided at 173 Ridgeway Avenue, Oakland, California; living 1933.

2. Charles: b abt 1872; living 1933.

3. Alice: b abt 1875; m Thomas Johns; resided at 703 West 60th Street, Los Angeles, California; living 1933.

4. Hattie: b abt 1877; m Price; resided at 1347 North Lake Avenue, Pasadena, Caifornia; living 1933.

J.1.3
WILLIAM R. WILLET and ALTHEA PRATT
of Erie County, New York, and Racine County, Wisconsin

William R. Willet was born about 1800 in New Jersey. His parents moved to Macedon, Wayne County, New York, when he was a young boy; then the family moved on westward and settled at Erie County, New York, in 1818.

He married in Wayne County, New York, about 1827 Althea Pratt (b abt 1805 in Ontario, Canada), the daughter of Elijah and Beulah Pratt. In 1866, they resided in Racine, Racine County, Wisconsin. Racine is just north of Chicago, Illinois, on Lake Michigan.

William Willett died in 1866. (Erie County, New York, Truman C. White, 1898, page 343).

1. Elijah P: b 1829, in North Collins, Erie County, New York; m 1850 Sylvia Bartlett (b 1832). See next J.1.3.1.

2. Groton P: b September, 1830, in North Collins, Erie County, New York; m 1853 Esther White, the daughter of Lemuel White. See next J.1.3.2.

3. William N: b 1835.

J.1.3.1
ELIJAH P. WILLET and SYLVIA A. BARTLETT
of Collins, Erie County, New York, and Michigan

Elijah P. Willet was born in 1828 in Collins, Erie County, New York. He lived on a farm at Lawton Station, near Collins, Erie County, New York.

Elijah married on September 18, 1850, Sylia A. Bartlett (b May 7, 1832), the daughter of Smith and Sally Bartlett. He was a farmer and had a dairy.

Her father, Smith Bartlett, was born on April 11, 1790. He came to Danby, Vermount in 1795. He married on January 1, 1815, Sally Allen, the daughter of Zoheth and Jane Allen. They removed to Holland Purchase, New York, in the same year, travelling with an ox team and settled near Collins Center, New York. He was a tanner and currier as well as a farmer. In 1850, he moved to a farm one mile south of what is now Lawton Station, near Collins, Erie County, New York, and built a house which is still standing and which is owned by some of his descendents. Smith Bartlett died on September 11, 1858; his wife died on August 9, 1861.

(Xerox Bartlett Ancestry, Louis A. Bartlett, 1928, 2 pages; Erie County, New York, Truman C. White, Volume II, page 343).

1. Doria W. (Emma Rodocia): b September 16, 1851; m on October 29, 1878, Benjamin W. Law (b March 1, 1850; d February 15, 1924); they lived in Cuba where he was engaged in the oil business; later moved to a farm near Collins, New York; d April, 10, 1921.

1. Harry C. Law: b August 1, 1885; m April 22, 1917, Dolly Wing (b February 12, 1884), the daughter of George and Ellen Root Healy Wing.

2. Lito Law: b October 25, 1881, at Gowanda, New York; m July 16, 1911, Blanche Eggleston Seelye (b March 26, 1882, at Lake George, New York), the daughter of Elwin and Elizabeth Eggleston Seelye; he was engaged in the mercantile business in Collins, New York.

2. Robert Ray: b abt 1855; died young.

3. Robert Fayette: b September 30, 1859; m August 23, 1881, Helena Catlin (b March 24, 1862); lived on a farm near Collins, New York, later moved to Michigan; d July 1, 1907. See next J.1.3.1.3.

4. Prince A: b May 7, 1864; m 1st abt 1885 Emma Harris; m 2d Ida Burnside; m 3d February 4, 1904, Jennie Gibson of Indiana; d January 17, 1928. See next J.1.3.1.4.

5. Grace: b October 26, 1874; m abt 1894 Morton Graley; d December 30, 1910.

1. May Janet Graley: b May 28, 1895; m John Woods.
2. Beulah Althea Graley: b April 8, 1897; m Lane.

6. Paul: b July 2, 1872; m abt 1895 May Sisson (b January 30, 1872).

1. Max: b April 9, 1900; d December 29, 1901.

2. Maxine: b February 20, 1903; m Earl F. Klienfelder.

J.1.3.1.3
ROBERT FAYETTE WILLETT and HELENA CATLIN of New York and Michigan

Robert Fayette Willett was born on September 30, 1859. He married on August 23, 1881, Helena Catlin (b March 24, 1862). Originally, they lived on a farm near Collins, New York; later they moved to Michigan. He died on July 1, 1907. (Xerox Bartlett Ancestry, 1928, 2 pages).

1. Ray: b March 4, 1884; m June 3, 1908, Anna Sifton.

    1. Doris Jean: b September 8, 1917.

    2. Fayette Charles: b January 3, 1921.

    3. Edwin (twin): b July 25, 1924.

    4. Ellen (twin): b July 25, 1924.

2. Merton Lee: b April 22, 1891; m abt 1911 Mildred Schoffer.

    1. Lolita Grace: b December 8, 1913; d August 19, 1928.

    2. Richard Lee: b October 20, 1916.

    3. Lois Joy: b August 1, 1923.

3. Charles Elijah: b February 12, 1894, in North Collins, Erie County, New York; m June 12, 1914, Flossie May Johnston (b November 9, 1893); d February 22, 1941, age 47. See next J.1.3.1.3.3.

4. Dora Anna: b August 21, 1895; m abt 1915 Cariton E. White.

    1. Ruth Eleanor White: b July 26, 1916.

    2. Dorothy Louanne White: b November 12, 1922.

5. Mildred S: b March 11, 1898; m abt 1914 Thomas J. Lassen.

    1. Marion Hellena Lassen: b August 8, 1915.

    2. Warren D. Lassen: b December 19, 1916.

    3. Helen Orintha Lassen: b April 15, 1921.

    4. Duane Willett Lassen: b July 12, 1928.

J.1.3.1.3.3

CHARLES ELIJAH WILLETT and FLOSSIE MAY JOHNSTON

of Mount Pleasant, Isabella County, Michigan, and Oxford, Oakland County, Michigan

Charles Elijah Willett was born on February 12, 1894, in North Collins, Erie County, New York. He came to Mount Pleasant, Isabella County, Michigan, with his parents about 1900. He married on June 12, 1914, Flossie May Johnston (b November 9, 1893). He was a farmer in Mount Pleasant until sometime about February, 1920, they removed to Oxford, Oakland County, Michigan. His daughter Marjorie was only six months old at the time. He farmed and had a milk route.

He had a long illness and because of this sold his farm; he passed away on February 22, 1941, age 47.

1. Robert Eugene: b July 4, 1915.

2. Marjorie D: b August 6, 1919, at Mount Pleasant, Isabella County, Michigan; m September, 1937, Rae V. Sausser; resides in Oxford, Oakland County, Michigan (just north of Detroit).

1. Charles V. Sausser: b March 16, 1942; m Nina French; children: Michael A. Sausser, Jennifer G. Sausser, and Gina M. Sausser.

2. Lo Ann D. Sausser: b August 3, 1945; m Robert Kirk; children: Suzanne D. Kirk, Sandra Kirk, and Jill D. Kirk.

J.1.3.1.4
PRINCE WILLETT of New York and Indiana

Prince Willett was born on May 7, 1864. He married 1st about 1885 Emma Harris; they had 4 children. He married 2d Ida Burnside, and had one child.

He married 3d February 4, 1904, Jennie Gibson of Indiana. He died on January 17, 1928. (Xerox Bartlett Ancestry, 1928, 2 pages).

1. Bessie: m John Parsel.
    1. Mary Parsel:
    2. Albert Parsel:
    3. Elsie Parsel:
2. Guy: m Frances Reigal.
    1. Clarence:
    2. Emma:
3. Clyde:
4. Sylvia: m Rudolph Schasel.
    1. Harold Schasel:
    2. Gurdie Schasel:
    3. Emma Schasel:
5. Elsie May: m Lawton.
    1. Hope E. Lawton:

J.1.3.2
GROTON P. WILLETT and ESTHER WHITE of North Collins, Erie County, New York

Groton P. Willett was born in North Collins, Erie County, New York, in September, 1830. Groton was educated in the common school, and became a farmer who was interested in the scientic methods of farming. He married in 1853, Miss Esther White, the daughter of Lemuel White, who was among one of the first settlers in the town of North Collins.

Groton P. Willett was a tax assessor for 6 years (around 1890).

(Erie County, New York, Volume II, Truman White, 1898).

1. Eugene: b abt 1855.
2. Floyd: b abt 1857.

J.1.7

GODFREY WILLET of East Hamburg, Erie County, New York

Godfrey Willet was born on December 22, 1809, in New Jersey. His father moved to Erie County in 1813.

He married about 1830 Rachel A. (b November 11, 1809; d March 11, 1844). He was a farmer who lived in East Hamburg, Erie County, New York. He died on May 27, 1866, age 76, in East Hamburg, Erie County, New York.

1. Edith M: b 1832; m Horton; resided in Buffalo, New York.

2. Samuel K: b 1836 in East Hamburg; m 1st Jane Chapell (b April 16, 1839; d March 11, 1882, at East Hamburg); m 2d Kate Smedes? He died on November 16, 1928. See next J.1.7.2.

3. Phebe: b 1837; m Dean (a physician); d December 6, 1900, of cancer.

4. Henry C: b 1843; d 1845, age 2 years, and 4 months.

5. N. N: b abt 1845; d 1900.

1. Edgar: b 1864; resided East Hamburg, New York; d October 14, 1914.

J.1.7.2

SAMUEL K. WILLETT and JANE CHAPELL of Orchard Park, Erie County, New York

Samuel K. Willett was born on 1836 in East Hamburg, Erie County, New York. He married 1st Jane Chapell (b April 16, 1839; d March 11, 1882, at East Hamburg).

He married 2d Kate Smedes? He died intestate on November 16, 1928.

(1865, East Hamburgh, Erie County, New York, census).

1. Herbert B: b 1861 in East Hamburg, Erie County, New York. (1865 Erie County, New York, census).

2. Edward: b 1863 in East Hamburg, Erie County, New York; d October 9, 1914, in East Hamburg in a railroad accident; unmarried. (1865 Erie County, New York, census).

3. Warren: b 1865; m Caroline M. Case (b 1875); resided Eden, Erie County, New York, and 88 Ivanhoe Street, Buffalo, New York, and at Westoverbrook, Pennsylvania. His horse drawn vehicle was struck from behind by a car; he was thrown out and died in the hospital. See next J.1.7.2.3.

4. Fannie: b 1870 in East Hamburg, New York; m April 14, 1896, Burton Healey Hurd (b 1869, Elma, New York), the daughter of James F. and Fanny E. (Healy) Hurd; resided in Elma, Erie County, New York.

5. Harry L: m 1912 Josephine R. Murphy; residence East Hamburg, and Orchard Park, New York.

6. Jennie E: b 1888 in East Hamburg; m August 30, 1913, Dr. Herbert C. Mann; resided at Orchard Park, New York.

J.1.7.2.3
WARREN WILLETT and CAROLINE M. CASE of Eden, Erie County, New York

Warren Willett was born in 1865. He married Caroline M. Case (b 1875). They lived at Eden, Erie County, New York.

He died July 1, 1941. His horse drawn vehicle was struck from behind by a car; he was thrown out and died in the hospital.

1. Dorothy Pearl: b 1895; m 1st November 15, 1912, Charles Ray Hedley (b Medina, New York); m 2d Caesar Tronolone; residence Buffalo in 1941.

2. Elmer C: b March 21, 1900; m September 20, 1918, Gertrude Forrester (b 1896 in England); residence Alden, New York.

1. Dorothy Elizabeth: b 1922.

3. George Warren: b 1899 in East Hamburg; m July 17, 1918, Margaret E. Dell (b 1897, Fort Erie, Ontario); residence Capital Heights, Maryland.

4. Jane: m Wax; residence Revere, Massachusetts in 1941.

5. Edith: b July 4, 1912, in Fort Erie, Ontario; m November 9, 1934, Arnold Hermann (b October 28, 1905); residence Buffalo in 1941.

J.1.8
SAMUEL WILLETT of Lake County, Illinois

Samuel Willett was born in 1812 in New Jersey. He married about 1831 Selinda (b 1813 in New York). They lived in Boston, Erie County, New York, for a while.

> "Samuel Willett, Jr., and Selinda, his wife, of the town of Boston ... to Christopher Willet of the same place ... for $400.00, pt of NW pt of Lot 38, town of Boston, about 5 acres."

They resided in Lake County, Illinois, (just north of Chicago). (1850 census).

1. Mary: b 1832 in New York. (1850 Township of Boston, Erie County, New York, census).

2. Arnold: b 1834 in New York. (1850 Township of Boston, Erie County, New York, census).

3. Edith: b 1837 in New York. (1850 Township of Boston, Erie County, New York, census).

4. George: b 1839 in New York. (1850 Township of Boston, Erie County, New York, census).

5. Salliphi: 1840 in New York. (1850 Township of Boston, Erie County, New York, census).

6. Levi: b 1842 in New York. (1850 Township of Boston, Erie County, New York, census).

7. Matilda: b 1845 in New York. (1850 Township of Boston, Erie County, New York, census).

8. Esther: b 1846 in New York. (1850 Township of Boston, Erie County, New York, census).

9. Emily: b 1848 in New York. (1850 Township of Boston, Erie County, New York, census).

J.1.9

CHRISTOPHER WILLET and CATHERINE LIEB of Boston, Erie County, New York

Christopher Willet was born in April, 1817, in Boston (formerly Eden), Erie County, New York. Most likely, he grew up in the Quaker faith.

> "He grew up there on his father's farm, and perhaps about 1854 married Catherine Lieb (b July 18, 1834, in Wurttemberg; d January 30, 1919, in Hamburg, Erie County, New York), the daughter of Jacob and Mary Ann (Pfister) Lieb. They raised a large family with eleven children living to adulthood. In 1855, they were living in a modest farm house (worth $100.00) in Boston on a farm of 119 acres. Ten years later they had taken up residence in a brick house on the same farm, valued at $1,000.00. He did not served in the Civil War, possibly because of his age and family, possibly out of religious considerations" (Donnocker, page 5).

In 1855, he was harvesting oats, buckwheat, corn and potatoes. He had an apple orchard and collected 100 pounds of honey, and 5 pounds of wax. He keep 5 cows, 8 horses, and 6 swine.

He died November 1, 1898. After the death of her husband, Catherine (Lieb) Willett lived with her children. She died on January 30, 1919, age 84 years, 6 months, and 12 days, of pneumonia, at the home of her daughter, Rose (Willett) Bastian, in the village of Hamburg. She is buried in Orchard Park.

(1855, 1860, 1865, 1870, 1875 Township of Boston, Erie County, New York, census).

1. Godfrey: b May, 1855, in Boston, Erie County, New York; m in Buffalo, New York, August 8, 1880, Mary E. Pierce (b 1857); they moved to Akron, Ohio, before 1928; d February 17, 1940, near Akron, Ohio. (1855, 1860, 1865, 1870, 1875 Township of Boston, Erie County, New York, census).

1. John G: b 1880; m December 7, 1917, Violet L. Fordyce (b 1890 in England); residence Ridgeway, Ontario; no issue.

2. Rosavil (Rosevill): b 1857 in Boston, Erie County, New York; m December 10, 1885, Daniel C. Bastian (b December 3, 1845, in Boston, Erie County, New York; d August 10, 1912), the son of Jacob Bastian and Catherine Youtz; d May 6, 1932, in Buffalo, New York. (1860, 1865, 1870, 1875 Township of Boston, Erie County, New York, census).

1. Clarence L. Bastian: b 1887; m Margaret L (b 1892); d 1971.

2. Winifred Alburn (Winnie) Bastian: b 1889; d 1923, unmarried.

3. Lavina (Lovina; Livina): b 1859 in Boston, Erie County, New York; m June 6, 1907, Z. Earl Douglas (b 1848 in Concord, New York); d May 26, 1936, in Buffalo, New York. (1860, 1865, 1870, 1875 Township of Boston, Erie County, New York, census).

4. Lincoln Abraham (Tom): b April, 1869, in Boston, Erie County, New York; m 1st January 8, 1883, Hattie C. Chandler (b 1860), the daughter of Isaac and Grace Chandler; m 2d Anna K. Gifford (d March 18, 1938, in Buffalo); he was a farmer; d January 17, 1928, in Buffalo, New York. (1860, 1865, 1870, 1875 Township of Boston, Erie County, New York, census).

1. Robert M: b 1897 in Buffalo, New York; m October 28, 1925, Dorothy A. Wood (b 1899); resided (1961) 112 Oxford Street, Buffalo, New York.

5. Lewis E: b June 30, 1861, in Boston, Erie County, New York; m January 12, 1897, Jane Cook (b 1866; d February 7, 1953, in Lackawanna, Erie County, New York; d August 13, 1938, in Lackawanna, Erie County, New York. (1865, 1870, 1875 Township of Boston, Erie County, New York, census). See next J.1.9.5.

6. Winslow (twin): b May 19, 1864, in Boston, Erie County, New York; d November 30, 1874, in Boston, Erie County, New York.(1865, 1870 Township of Boston, Erie County, New York, census).

7. Osrow (Osro; Ozra) (twin): b May 19, 1864, in Boston, Erie County, New York; m his relative Fannie L. Willett (J.1.2.5.3) (b 1871; d 1968); d 1952. (1865, 1870, 1875 Township of Boston, Erie County, New York, census). See next J.1.9.7.

8. Mary A: b 1867 in Boston, Erie County, New York; m August 26, 1891, Rollin E. Baker (b 1864 in Iowa), he disappeared; d April 11, 1927. (1870, 1875 Township of Boston, Erie County, New York, census).

9. William C: b 1869 in Boston, Erie County, New York; d in Yakima, Washington. (1870, 1875 Township of Boston, Erie County, New York, census).

1. Mabel: m Strew; residence (1961) 1212 South First Street, Yakima, Washington.

2. Byron C: residence (1961) 3806 West Chestnut Street, Yakima, Washington.

10. Benjamin F: b 1871 in Boston, Erie County, New York; m June 4, 1902, Laura Grace Eddy (b 1877; d July 21, 1931, buried Friends Cemetery, Orchard Park), the daughter of Phebe C. Eddy; they resided at 123 Saranac Avenue, Buffalo, New York; he was a money deliverer; d May 30, 1931, in Buffalo, New York; no issue. (1875 Township of Boston, Erie County, New York, census).

11. Herbert C: b April, 1874, in Boston, Erie County, New York; m September 1, 1898, Clarissa (Clara) H. Knapp (b 1876 in Hamburg); he was a stenographer; resided at 139 Main Street, Morehead, Kentucky; d May 30, 1931, in Buffalo, New York. (1875 Township of Boston, Erie County, New York, census).

12. Edith M: b 1876 in Boston, Erie County, New York; m abt 1942 Jay Thomas Vasbinder, Sr. (b 1888; d 1971); d October 26, 1961, in Cheektowga, Erie County, New York.

J.1.9.5

LEWIS E. WILLETT and JANE COOK of Lackawanna, Erie County, New York

Lewis E. (Louis) Willett was born June 30, 1861, in Boston, Erie County, New York. He married on January 12, 1897, Jane Cook (b 1866, West Seneca, New York; d February 7, 1953, in Lackawanna, Erie County, New York), the daughter of Darius Cook and Emerett Van Hyning. They lived at 3021 Abbot Road, Lackawanna, Erie County, New York (Lackawanna is just south of Buffalo, New York).

He died August 13, 1938, in Lackawanna, Erie County, New York.

1. Emmeretta Katherine: b 1898 in Lackawanna, Erie County, New York; d 1919 in Lackawanna, New York; unmarried.

2. Ward Lewis: b 1901 in Lackawanna, Erie County, New York; m December 25, 1924, Dorothy Sippi (b 1904 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania). They lived (1938) in Grants Pass, Oregon. He died in 1954.

Dorothy (Sippi) Willett m 2d Orson Yeager.

1. Charles:

3. Paul Cook: b June 22, 1903, in Lackawanna, Erie County, New York; m August 15, 1932, Dorothy (Elsesser) Grampp (b May 27, 1902, in Buffalo). They resided (1938) at 490 Norwood Avenue, Buffalo, New York, and at (1961) 223 East Quaker Street, Orchard Park, New York.

1. Ruth J:

2. Paul L:

3. Susan D:

J.1.9.7
OSROW WILLETT and FANNIE L. WILLETT of Erie County, New York

Osrow Willett was born on May 19, 1864, in Boston, Erie County, New York. He is a twin with Winslow Willett who died at the age of 10.

He married his cousin Fannie L. Willett (b 1871; d January 20, 1968, Warsaw, New York). They resided at 304 Bird Avenue, Buffalo, New York. He died in 1952.

1. Jeanette (twin): m Neunder.

2. Gladys (twin): m Edward Foley.

3. Helen: m Helen Klein.

4. Frances E: b August 12, 1908, in Buffalo, New York.

5. Alice M: b August 17, 1906, in Buffalo, New York; m June 11, 1931, Harold W. Gale (b September 2, 1905); resided at Buffalo, New York.

6. Gertrude: m James J. Mitchell; resided at Kenmore, New York.

J.1.2.13
CHARLES H. WILLET and ELLA A. MOORE of Buffalo, New York

Charles H. Willet was born on September 15, 1848. At the age of 18, he enlisted on Feburary 29, 1864, at Hamburg, and mustered in as a private in Company E., Tenth New York Cavalry, to serve for three years; he was appointed a Corporal on April 14, 1865; and he was transfered to Company E., 1st Provisional Cavalry, on June 17, 1865.

He married on November 28, 1871 Ella A. Moore (b September 1, 1851. He was a grocer who lived at 725 Prospect Avenue, Buffalo, New York. He died on August 11, 1936, in Buffalo, New York); d April 23, 1933, age 85, in Buffalo, New York; no issue.

> The will of Charles H. Willett, dated August 21, 1931, "mentioned wife Ella A.,
>
> sister Eliza Willet;
>
> children of deceased sister Hannah Donnocker: Lucella Blakely of Port Alleghany, Pennsylvania; Delbert Donnocker of Utica, Pennsylvania; Ellsworth Donnocker of Buffalo;
>
> son of Susan Webster, deceased sister: Spencer Webster, of Buffalo;
>
> children of deceased brother Freeman: Carrie Brayton of Seneca Falls, New York; Mary Crow of Kenmore, New York; Fannie Willet of Buffalo; Albert Willet of Orlando, Florida;
>
> children of Edith Kester, deceased sister: Myrtle Kester wife of deceased nephew Charles Kester; Frank Kester, Orleno, Clement County, Oregon; Emma Gardner, 2292 North Adrian Avenue, Napa, California;
>
> daughter of deceased sister Rosetta Kester: Verna K. Conger of Kent, Ohio;

children of deceased sister Anna Welles: Charles Welles of Carlsbad, California; Bryant Welles of Waubay, South Dakota; Merrett Welles of Rosendale, Wisconsin; Stella Albro of Pike, New York; Myra Lewis of Rosendale, Wisconsin;

sister Maria Webster with rights to her only child: Clara Webster;

Maggie Willet wife of deceased brother Eli Willet; and then to children: Alice Johns, Hattie Price, and Fred Willet.

Also: Ray M. McGrady of East Aurora son of my wife's deceased sister Mary McGrady."

CHAPTER ELEVEN
A SURVEY OF NEW JERSEY WILLETT FAMILIES

K.1
SAMUEL WILLETT and SARAH HARNETT
of North Brunswick Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey

Samuel Willett was born in 1740 probably in Middlesex County, New Jersey. He married about 1758 Sarah Harnett (or Harneed).

> "He and his sons, Samuel and Hartshorne, and daughter Jemima lived on a farm, lately owned by Mr. Smith, on the Rhode Hall road, and the father died in the Housell Farm on the Milltown Road, and was buried in the family burying ground on the Smith Farm.
>
> All that section from Rhode Hall to South River was owned by the Willetts at that time, and South River was known as Willettstown or Shepherds Landing. It is 6 miles from New Brunswick, 3 miles to the Housell Farm, and 5 miles to South River" (Bookstaver 55).

> "Helena Willett, daughter of Colonel Thomas Willett of Flushing ... married William Hartshorne of Monmouth County, New Jersey, and lived near Wakake. She had a brother William. Samuel Willett, Sr., of Willettstown named one of his sons Hartshorn, the only time it appears in the family, indicating the probability of this Samuel to be closely related to Helena Hartshorne. If as we think, Samuel Willett, Sr., was one of the sons of William, brother of Helena, her husband, William Hartshorne would have been uncle to Samuel Sr., and he might have named his son for him; but would hardly have chosen such an unusual name for any other reason" (Bookstaver, page 55).

Hartshorn is also the name of a plant with medicinal qualities, and Hartshorn was used as a Christian name by a Massachusetts Willett family. It may be unusual, but it is not unique.

Samuel Willett, Sr., died in 1812.

> "April 25, 1812, Samuel Willett, Sr., of North Brunswick Township, Middlesex County: Intestate inventory of $476.63 made by Joseph Chapman, Jonathan Combs. Sworn to by Samuel Willett, Jr. and Daniel Van Court, administrators. September 18, 1812" (New Jersey Colonial Documents, Calendar of Wills 1810-1813, page 423).

1. Hartshorne: b 1760; m 1st abt 1776 Betsey Perrine; m 2d March 16, 1800, Polly Voorhees; m 2d Widow Nafy. See next K.1.1.

2. Samuel: b May 19, 1763; m 1st abt 1784 Elizabeth Sperling (b September 30, 1767); m 2d Martha Hooper (b September 30, 1768). See K.1.2.

3. Jemima: b 1765 in Middlesex County, New Jersey; m abt 1790 Daniel Van Court.

1. Sarah Van Court: b December 25, 1798, at Washington, Warren County, New Jersey; m 1st abt 1820 George Churchward; m 2d James Verlander; removed to New Orleans abt 1836; d April 22, 1883, in New Orleans, Louisanna.

2. Daniel Van Court: b abt 1800; m abt 1820 Kate Dennis.

K.1.1

HARTSHORNE WILLETT of North Brunswick Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey

Hartshorne Willett was born in 1760 in Middlesex County, New Jersey. When the revolution came, he joined the patriot cause, and supposedly was a soldier during the Revolution.

Hartshorne married 1st about 1776 Betsey Perrine. He married 2d on March 16, 1800, Polly Voorhees. He married 3d the widow, Nafy (Bookstaver, page 56).

1. William: b 1777; m abt 1800 Jerusha Godfrey. See next K.1.1.1.

2. Daniel: b 1779; m abt 1800 Charlotte Oliver. See next K.1.1.2.

3. Samuel: b 1781; m abt 1800 Maria Sherwood. See next K.1.1.3.

4. James: b 1782; m abt 1815 Betsey Perrine. See next K.1.1.4.

5. Eleanor Perrine (Nellie): b May 30, 1783; m January 2, 1803, at Middlesex County, New Jersey, David Gillillian (b June 24, 1778) of New Brunswick, New Jersey.

1. Gilbert Tennent Gillillian: bp September 22, 1807.

2. Garrett Perrine Gillillian: bp September 22, 1807.

3. Lydia Gillillian: b abt 1810.

4. Sarah Ann Gillillian: bp September 15, 1813.

5. Hartshorn Willett Gillillian: b September 21, 1815.

6. Kate Sutphen Gillillian: b September 22, 1818.

7. David Gillillian: b September 28, 1821.

8. John Griggs Gillillian: b November 12, 1823.

6. Betsey: b 1787.

7. Sally: b August 29, 1789; m Nicholas Booraem (b October 25, 1786); d 1852. Sally's daughter, Louisa Booraem, married the Reverend Jacob Bookstaver; their son, J. E. Bookstaver, wrote the Willett Genealogy (1907).

1. Eliza Booraem: b March 17, 1807, d.y.

2. Henry Booraem: b July 24, 1810; d 1835, unmarried.

3. Sarah Booraem: b November 1, 1820; d 1852, unmarried.

4. Edgar Booraem: b February 3, 1829; d 1840.

5. Nicholas Booraem: b December 23, 1820; d 1848, unmarried.

6. Eliza A. Booraem: b June 26, 1808; m John Van Arsdale.

7. Ellen P. Booraem: b October 7, 1812; m Thomas Booraem.

8. Emeline Booraem: b February 2, 1815; m Dr. Robert Smith.

9. Louisa Booraem: b December 30, 1818; m Rev. Jacob Bookstaver.

10. Augustus C. Booraem: b July 23, 1823; m Candace Benham.

11. Theodore B. Booraem: b October 7, 1831; m Anna Foster.

8. Ann: b 1790; m John Chadwick of New Jersey.

1. Mahala Chadwick: m Ernest Cochran.

2. John Chadwick: m 1st Mary Ann Davis; m 2d Julia Halstead.

3. Thomas Chadwick:

4. Daniel Chadwick:

5. Samuel Chadwick: m Jane C. Richie.

6. William Chadwick:

7. Jane Chadwick: m Pearsall.

8. Ann Chadwick: m Wilson.

9. Hartshorn Chadwick:

10. Elizabeth Chadwick:

9. Eunice: b 1791; m DeWitt of Michigan.

1. Betsey DeWitt: m Isaac Vought.

2. Mary DeWitt: m John Van Fleet.

3. S. Sanford DeWitt: m Ruahannah Worser.

4. Hartshorn DeWitt: m Sarah Elmedorf.

5. James DeWitt: m Charlotte Partridge.

6. John DeWitt:: m Jane Griffin.

10. Voorhes: b 1796.

11. Pattie: b 1798.

12. Polly: b 1800.

K.1.1.1

WILLIAM WILLETT and JERUSHA GODFREY of Middlesex County, New Jersey

William Willett was born in 1777 in New Brunswick Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey. About 1800, he married Jerusha Godfrey. He bought land in New Brunswick Township, New Jersey, in 1814. (Bookstaver, pages 57-58).

1. William: b abt 1802.

2. George: b abt 1805.

3. Harriet: b abt 1807.

4. Benjamin: b abt 1810; of Brooklyn, New York (Bookstaver, page 63).

    1. Imogene.

5. Samuel H: b abt 1812.

K.1.1.2

DANIEL WILLETT and CHARLOTTE OLIVER of Middlesex County, New Jersey

Daniel Willett was born in 1779 in Middlesex County, New Jersey. About 1800, he married Charlotte Oliver. (Bookstaver, page 58).

1. Daniel: b abt 1802.

2. Amanda: b abt 1805; m DeNeal.

3. Seymore: b abt 1807.

4. Elizabeth: b abt 1810.

5. Charlotte: b abt 1812.

K.1.1.3
SAMUEL WILLETT and MARIA SHERWOOD of Middlesex County, New Jersey

Samuel Willett was born in 1781 in Middlesex County, New Jersey. About 1800, he married Maria Sherwood of South River, New Jersey. (Bookstaver, page 58).

1. Harriet: b abt 1800.

2. Louise: b abt 1802.

3. Emily: b abt 1805.

4. Mary: b abt 1807; m Joseph Obert of New Brunswick, New Jersey. (Bookstaver, page 63).

    1. Mary L. Obert.

5. Harriet: b abt 1810.

6. Caroline: b abt 1812; m Julius Klein of Smith River, New Jersey. (Bookstaver, page 63).

    1. Julius Klein.

K.1.1.4
JAMES WILLETT and BETSEY PERRINE of Flint, Michigan

James Willett was born in 1783 in Middlesex County, New Jersey. About 1815, he married Betsey Perrine. At first they lived at New Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey. In 1822, the family moved to western New York possibly settling for a while in Genesee County; however they continued to move west and to Michigan, probably settling at Flint. He died about 1830. (Bookstaver, page 58).

1. Peter: b abt 1817.

2. Dr. John: b May 13, 1819, in New Brunswick, New Jersey; m 1838 Maria Coydenhall of Flint, Genesee County, Michigan. See next K.1.1.4.2.

3. Mary: b abt 1821; m William Howes of Saginaw, Michigan.

4. Samuel P: b abt 1823.

5. Ellen: b abt 1825; m Scoons of Illinois.

K.1.1.4.2
Dr. JOHN WILLETT of Flint, Genesee County, Michigan

John Willett was born on May 13, 1819, at New Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey. In 1812, his family removed to western New York state and there he secured a common school education. He married 1st on April 7, 1838, Maria Coydenhall (Kuykendall; d August 14, 1855), the daughter of Thomas and Hannah Gonzales Kuykendall of Flint, Michigan. John Willett graduated from the Geneva Medical College, Geneva, New York, in 1846. After graduation, he removed to Flint, Genesee County, Michigan, where he began his practice.

He married 2d about 1860 Mrs. Palmer.

When the war came, he enlisted as Second Assistant Surgeon of the 8th Michigan Infantry, on September 20, 1862. He was promoted to 1st Assistant Surgeon in February 1863, and to Surgeon in December, 1864, in the 30th Michigan Infantry, a position he held until the time of his discharge on June 30th.

> "In February 1864, word came to him of the serious injury substained by his son James who was attached to the Second Michigan Infantry. Securing leave of absence, the doctor rode horseback some two hundred miles to the boy's side and succeeded in preventing an amputation of a foot which had become partially necrotic. At a later date, the young man was brought to Flint for further treatment" ("The Bulletin," Volume 11, No. 7, page 3, April 5, 1939, Genesee County Medical Society).

After the war, he settled at Flint, Genesee County, Michigan, and established a drug store, a business that prospered for many years. He was alderman from the 2d Ward in 1871 and 1872, and in 1876, he was elected to the House of Representatives at Lansing, and re-elected in 1878 as a Republican.

John Willett married 3d on March 6, 1880, Sarah E. Ballard of Troy, Pennsylvania.

> "Late in life, the doctor lived at the corner of Kearsley and Church Streets, and one morning awoke to find his entire left side paralyzed. As Mrs. Willett was out of town, he was alone, and realizing the seriousness of his illness, summoned a son with great difficulty, who lived next door. Despite the ministrations of his good friend, Dr. Willson, death came to him on June 23, 1881" ("The Bulletin," Volume 11, No. 7, page 3, April 5, 1939, Genesee County Medical Society).

He died on June 22, 1881, and is buried in the Glenwood Cemetery.
(Bookstaver, page 64; 1850 Genesee County census).

1. Maria H: b 1839 in New York; m John A. Owen. (1850 Genesee County census).

2. James Nelson: b 1841 in New York; he served in the 2d Michigan in the Civil War; d after April, 1907, at Flint, Michigan. See next K.1.1.4.2.2.

3. Sarah: b 1843 in New York. (1850 Genesee County census).

4. Francis: b 1846 in Michigan. (1850 census).

5. Leverette: b abt 1850; resided at Flint, Michigan (1907).

6. Frank E: b abt 1853; m 1877 Mary Flora Orrell; resided in Flint, Michigan. See next K.1.1.4.2.6.

7. Vienna: b abt 1855.

K.1.1.4.2.2
JAMES NELSON WILLETT of Flint, Michigan

James Nelson Willett was born in 1841 in New York. He served in the 2d Michigan in the Civil War.
He died after April, 1907, at Flint, Michigan.
(1850 Genesee County census).

1. Harry: b abt 1870; of Wisconsin.

2. (daughter): m Bennett of London, Ontario, Canada.

K.1.1.4.2.6
FRANK E. WILLETT and MARY OERELL of Flint, Michigan

Frank E. Willett was born, probably at Flint, Michigan, about 1855. He married in 1877 Mary Flora Oerell (b 1860; d May, 1943, in Flint, Michigan); and they resided at Flint, Michigan (1907). She was a member of the Art Class and the Shakespeare Club, and of the Presbyterian Church.
(Bookstaver, page 64).

1. Mary K: b April 15, 1886.

2. Gretchen: b December 12, 1888; d 1905, age 17.

3. (daughter): m J. Guy Blackinton of Flint, Michigan; living 1943.

4. (daughter): m David McKenzie of Flint, Michigan; living 1943.

K.1.2
SAMUEL WILLETT of South River, Middlesex County, New Jersey

Samuel Willett was born on May 19, 1763, in Middlesex County, New Jersey. As a young teenager, he became a part of the American revolution as a private in the New Jersey Militia.

He married 1st about 1784 Elizabeth Sperling (b September 30, 1767; d abt 1798), the daughter of James Sperling.

Samuel married 2d abt 1799 Martha Hooper (b September 1768), the daughter of Philip Hooper. She died June 2, 1853, age 84 years, 8 months, and 3 days. "She was a tender mother here." Samuel and Martha Willett were members of the Old Baptist Church of Washington, Middlesex County, New Jersey. The township of East Brunswick (later Washington) was known as Willetstown until about 1784, when it was renamed Washington. In 1800, there were only 6 houses in the village; and in 1823, there were only 10 houses.

Samuel Willett died on March 17, 1830.

Most of the birth dates below are from Samuel Willet's Bible, published in 1817 by Carey and Son (present whereabouts unknown).

(Bookstaver, page 57; Comstock; page 19).

1. Mary: b December 26, 1786.

2. Stephen: b November 2, 1790; m abt 1810 Hager. See next K.1.2.2.

3. Sally: b October 13, 1792; m Henry Marshall, of Dayton, Ohio. See next K.1.2.3.

4. Polly: b 1793; m abt 1810 Samuel Martin (d July 31, 1847, age 65 years, 6 days); d July 4, 1847, age 52 years, 4 months. See next K.1.2.4.

5. Elizabeth (Betsey): b March 14, 1795; m Jonathan Booraem, widow, of South River, Middlesex County, New Jersey. See next K.1.2.5.

6. Ann: b April 7, 1797.

7. Jemima: b May 28, 1800; d May 14, 1846, age 45 years, 11 months, 16 days.

8. Amy: b July 18, 1804; m Hartough of Newark, New Jersey.

    1. Martha Hartough: m Squire.

9. Jane: b August 12, 1807; m Mills.

10. Margaret: b October 11, 1809; m Henry Ryerson of New York. See next K.1.2.10.

11. Harriet: b April 12, 1812; m Jonathan Peterson of South River, Middlesex County, New Jersey. See next K.1.2.11.

12. Samuel: b abt 1815; d 1832.

K.1.2.2
STEPHEN WILLETT of South River, Middlesex County, New Jersey

Stephen Willett was born in Middlesex County, New Jersey, on November 2, 1790. He married about 1810 Hager. (Bookstaver, page 61).

1. James: b abt 1812.

2. Harriet: b abt 1815.

3. Samuel: b abt 1817.

4. Sarah: b abt 1820.

5. Mary: b abt 1822.

K.1.2.3
SALLY WILLETT and HENRY MARSHALL of Dayton, Ohio

Sally Willett was born on October 13, 1792. She married about 1815 Henry Marshall, of Dayton, Ohio.
(Bookstaver, page 57).

1. Samuel Marshal: b abt 1817.

2. Martha Marshal: b abt 1820; m Compton.

3. William Marshal: b abt 1822; m his 1st cousin, Martha Booraem.

4. Rebecca Marshal: m Rev. Howland.

5. Harriet Marshal:

K.1.2.4
POLLY WILLETT and SAMUEL MARTIN of New Jersey

Polly Willett was born on 1793. She married about 1810 Samuel Martin (d July 31, 1847, age 65 years, 6 days). She died on July 4, 1847, age 52 years, 4 months.

1. Willett Martin: b abt 1812; died young.

2. Betsey Martin: b abt 1815; m Jeffreys.

3. Jane Martin: b abt 1817; m Thomas McDowell.

4. Sarah T. Martin: b 1818; m Daniel B. Martin.

5. Julia A. Martin: b abt 1820.

6. Stephen Martin: b abt 1822.

7. Henry Martin: b abt 1825; m Eliza Goble.

8. Samuel Martin: b abt 1827.

9. William Martin: b abt 1830.

10. Julius Martin: b abt 1832.

K.1.2.5
ELIZABETH WILLETT and JONATHAN BOORAEM
of South River, Middlesex County, New Jersey

Elizabeth (Betsey) Willett was born on March 14, 1795. She married about 1820 Jonathan Booraem, widow, of South River, Middlesex County, New Jersey.

1. Jemima Booraem: b abt 1822.

2. Samuel Willett Booraem: b abt 1825; m 1st abt 1845 Georgia Van Orden; m 2d Augusta Simonson.

3. Martha Booraem: b abt 1827; m her 1st cousin William Marshall.

K.1.2.10
MARGARET WILLETT and HENRY RYERSON of New York

Margaret Willett was born on October 11, 1809. She married about 1820 Henry Ryerson of New York.

1. Charles Ryerson: b abt 1822.

2. Maggie Ryerson: b abt 1825.

3. Jane Ryerson: b abt 1827.

4. Louise Ryerson: b abt 1830.

5. Spencer Ryerson: b abt 1832.

K.1.2.11
HARRIET WILLETT and JONATHAN PETERSON
of South River, Middlesex County, New Jersey

Harriet Willett was born on April 12, 1812. She married about 1825 Jonathan Peterson of South River, Middlesex County, New Jersey.

1. Mary E. Peterson: b abt 1827.

2. James Peterson: b abt 1828.

3. Julia Peterson: b abt 1830.

4. Willett Peterson: b abt 1832.

5. Harriet E. Peterson: b abt 1835.

6. Martha E. Peterson: b abt 1837.

K.2
WILLETT of Hunterdon County, New Jersey

There was a Willett family living at Tewksbury, Hunterdon County, New Jersey, in the 1740s. There is a persistent family tradition that these children were orphaned by the death of their mother, (supposedly) Elizabeth (Bodine) Willett; and that these children were raised by the Bodine family of New Jersey. However, the only known Elizabeth (Bodine) Willett was married to Edward Willett (G.1.2.5.1.2). Vida Miller Pursel in her Genealogy of the Miller and Pursel Families, 1939, proposed the "theory" that these were the children of Edward and Elizabeth (Bodine) Willett. It is not known that these children (Peter, Abraham, and Rachel) have ever been ascribed to this Edward Willett by any other researcher besides Vida Miller Pursel. However, Edward Willett of New Jersey, did marry a second time, and it could be possible that young children of his first wife were left with their grandparents. (Geneaolgy of the Miller and Pursel Families, 1939, pages 150-157).

At this time, all that can be definitely said is that the following 3 children belong to the same Willett family of Hunterdon County, New Jersey:

1. Peter: b abt 1757 in Hunterdon County, New Jersey; removed to Albany, Albany County, New York, after the Revolutionary War; m Helen Van Tassel; removed to Albany, New York about 1780.

2. Abraham: b December 15, 1759, at Hunterdon County, New Jersey; m Sarah Brittain (b November 1, 1763 (or 1764); d December 4, 1843, near Orangeville, Columbia County, Pennsylvania), the daughter of William and Mary (Collins) Brittain; d August 13, 1822, near Bloomsburg, Columbia County, Pennsylvania. See next K.2.2.

3. Rachel: b abt 1761; m Moody; resided in New Jersey.

K.2.2
ABRAHAM WILLETT and SARAH BRITTAIN
of Bloomsburg, Columbia County, Pennsylvania

Abraham Willett was born on December 15, 1759, in Hunderton County, New Jersey, possibly at Tewksbury. The Revolutionary War caused a lot of uncertainty, and division of loyalities. Perhaps, the uncertainty of being so exposed to forays by either (or both) the British Army and the Continental Army caused the Brittain family and the Willett family to removed into the interior where they would be more safe from the conflict. Just

as likely, a true pioneering spirit could have motivated them to remove into a new country which was just beginning to become settled.

After the Revolutionary War, about 1783, Abraham married Sarah Brittain. At some point, he removed with his family to Columbia (then Northumberland) County, Pennsylvania. It has been reported that he removed to Pennsylvania after 1800. However, a deed of purchase was written on May 28, 1798, for Abraham Willets (sic) and recorded on June 14, 1809. It is just as possible that both the Brittain and Willett families were already living in Columbia County when Abraham and Sarah married.

Sarah Brittain saw General Washington when her brothers joined the American Army; she also saw him after the war when he passed through Trenton.

Abraham died near Bloomsburg, Columbia County, Pennsylvania, on August 13, 1822, age 63. His will is dated September 4, 1822 (sic). (Pursel, pages 153-154).

1. Mary: b January 28, 1785, in New Jersey; m abt 1805 Isaac Kline (b March 15, 1779) of Kingwood, Hunterdon County, New Jersey; d June 15, 1854.

2. Catherine: b July 3, 1787, in New Jersey; m abt 1810 William Robbins of Hunterdon County, New Jersey; d October 1, 1827.

3. Rachel: b July 11, 1790, in New Jersey; m abt 1810 Eli Thornton; May 19, 1826, at Bloomsburg, Columbia County, Pennsylvania. (Pursel, page 157).

1. Hiram Willett Thornton: b October 16, 1812; m February 25, 1839, Elizabeth Frick Norbury, in Danville, Pennsylvania.

2. Washington Thornton: b October 22, 1814; d September 6, 1829.

3. Sarah Thornton: b November 1, 1818; m October 6, 1841, at Mt. Pleasant, Dr. Wellington Bird.

4. Lavina Thornton: b December 24, 1820; m May 4, 1841, in Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania, Benjamin Hagenbuch; d April 29, 1886, near Mt. PLeasant, Iowa.

5. Rachel Willett Thornton: b May 15, 1826, in Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania; m in Millersburg, Illinois, on March 29, 1846, Charles G. Willets; d March 21, 1862.

4. William: b May 24, 1793, in New Jersey; m abt 1815 Hannah Webb; d June 20, 1858, near Plymouth, Richland County, Ohio. See next K.2.2.4.

3. Peter: b August 5, 1795, in New Jersey; m 1st abt 1815 Catherine Sidle; m 2d Mrs. Webb; d April 10, 1869, near Blissfield, Lenawee County, Michigan.

4. Hannah: b May 28, 1798, in New Jersey; m abt 1820 John Hidley; d February 26, 1847, near Plymouth, Richland County, Ohio.

5. Abraham: b March 1, 1801, in Columbia County, Pennsylvania; m 1st Esther Aikman of Columbia County, Pennsylvania; m 2d Catherine Hazlett (d 1843) of Columbia County, Pennsylvania; he removed to Ohio long after his family had grown to age, and many of his children remained in Pennsylvania, particularly his daughters; m 3d Miss Leah Bevier of Richland County, Ohio; d December 14, 1887, near Plymouth, Richland County, Ohio. (Pursel, page 155).

1. Margaret: m Geisinger (or m 2d Higenbuch?).

2. (infant): died young.

3. William:

4. John:

5. Mary: m Clark.

6. Sarah Ransom: b abt 1848; d age 26 years, 10 months.

6. Sarah: b November 3, 1803, in New Jersey; m abt 1825 Alexander Hughes (a Friend, of Catawissa); d November 16, 1891, at Shickshinny, Luzerne County (adjacent to Columbia County), Pennsylvania.

7. Elizabeth: b August 27, 1807, in New Jersey; m abt 1830 Jacob Melick of Monmouth County, New Jersey; m March 3, 1889, at Light Street, Pennsylvania.

K.2.2.4
WILLIAM WILLETT and HANNAH WEBB
of Columbia County, Pennsylvania, and Richland County, Ohio

William Willett was born on May 24, 1793, in New Jersey. He learned the trade of tanning in Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania. He married on January 29, 1815, Hannah Webb (b May 5, 1797, in Columbia County, Ohio; d 1882 in Plymouth, Ohio; buried at the Plymouth Pioneer Host Cemetery in Plymouth, Ohio). They came to Richland County, Ohio, in 1834, were William turned his attention to farming and tanning. In 1836, he built a tannery on his farm in Cass Township, Richland County, Ohio.

> "They came from Pennsylvania in a covered wagon before railroads were introduced into this part of the country and located in the woods. Here William Willett built the tanyard which he conducted for so long and at the time of his death he also owned three farms" (History of Richland County, Ohio, from 1808 to 1908, 1908, page 728).

William died on June 20, 1858, at age of 66, near Plymouth, Richland County, Ohio, and is buried at the Plymouth Pioneer Host Cemetery in Plymouth, Ohio.

1. Thomas: b May 13, 1819, in Pennsylvania; came to Richland County, Ohio, in 1834, with his parents when he was 15; m in 1826 in Cass Township, Rachel Bevier. See next K.2.2.4.1.

2. Rebecca: b abt 1820; m Abraham Beaver.

3. Hannah: b 1829; probably unmarried; d 1901; buried at the Plymouth Pioneer Host Cemetery, Plymouth, Ohio.

4. Abraham (Abram): b July, 1830; d November 19, 1907; buried in the Plymouth Pioneer Host Cemetery in Plymouth, Ohio.

5. Sarah: b 1833; probably unmarried; d 1915; buried at the Plymouth Pioneer Host Cemetery, Plymouth, Ohio.

K.2.2.4.1

THOMAS WILLETT and RACHEL BEVIER of Cass Township, Richland County, Ohio

Thomas Willett was born on May 13, 1819, in Pennsylvania. He came to Richland County, Ohio, in 1834, with his parents. He married in 1826 in Cass Township, Rachel Bevier, the daughter of Andrus and Elizabeth Bevier.

> "Thomas Willett was a stalwart Democrat and held many local offices, the most important of which was that of county treasurer, to which he was continuously elected in 1858. Up to this time, he had resided continuously on the farm, but on being elected to this office, he removed to Mansfield and resided there during his two years' term of service.
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> It was at this period that he bought the Jacob Cribb's farm of one hundred acres, adjoining the old home place of one hundred and sixty acres. In 1860, he resumed his farming operations, which involved the cultivation of about three hundred acres of land at this time, though he later disposed of some of his holdings. At the time of his death he owned, however, two hundred, sixty-nine and one-half acres of land. In 1864, he removed to the village of Plymouth, where he resided for some time. He was the administrator for some estates. He died in Mansfield, May 30, 1906, having been afflicted with total blindness for fourteen years prior to his death" (History of Richland County, Ohio, from 1808 to 1908, 1908, page 728).

1. Franklin Pierce: b May 15, 1854; m 1879 Mrs. Amanda (Saviers) Kirkland (b April 14, 1846), the daughter of Henry Saviers, Sr; d May 30, 1906.

2. Hiram: b abt 1856; of Plymouth, Richland County, Ohio.

3. Edward: b abt 1858; of Plymouth, Richland County, Ohio.

4. Ann: b abt 1860; m Frank Weldon.

5. Kate: b abt 1862; m James Hills.

6. Peter: b abt 1865; d at age 22.

K.3

DAVID WILLETT and RACHEL SMALLEY of Fulton County, Ohio

David Willett was born on August 27, 1792. He married on January 16, 1813, Rachel Smalley (b March 31, 1796; d March 23, 1864). They removed from Somerset County, New Jersey, in 1835, to New York. They continued moving westward from New York to Chesterfield Township, Fulton County, Ohio, in 1839.

It is reported that the family spoke German in their home.

David Willett died on June 20, 1845.

1. Clarkson: b October 14, 1813; d October 9, 1819.

2. Hannah (twin): b December 26, 1814; m January 18, 1839; d November 10, 1879.

3. Sarah (twin): b December 26, 1814; m January 18, 1839; d October 13, 1885.

4. Garner: b December 20, 1816, in Somerset County, New Jersey; m at Chesterfield Township, Fulton County, Ohio, April 20, 1845, Harriet H. Parsons, in Chesterfield Township, Fulton County, Ohio; d December 10, 1906. See next K.3.4.

5. Jonathan: b November 30, 1818; d October 15, 1819.

6. John: b January 16, 1821; d September 11, 1887.

7. Mary: b October 28, 1823; d November 20, 1897.

8. Cynthia: b May 5, 1824; d July 31, 1867.

9. Charles: b July 11, 1826; d May 1, 1890.

10. Marquis: b December 12, 1827; d April 18, 1827.

11. Emily: b February 13, 1829.

12. Bloometta: b April 9, 1831; d May 4, 1876.

13. Agustus: b February 16, 1833; d October 16, 1845.

14. Warren B: b August 20, 1836; m Aurilla; d January 16, 1888.

15. Fanny: b February 16, 1838; m 1854 (or 1856) Dwight Stitt; d November 6, 1863, age 26 years, 8 months, and 21 days. Her grave is in the Hawley Cemetery in Chesterfield Township, Fulton County, Michigan. It reads: "Fannie/ Wife of Dwight Stitt/ Daughter of D and R Willett/ Died Nov 6, 1863, age 26 Yr 8 Mo 21 Days." On the opposite side is inscribed: "My Wife/ I miss you in the evening's early twilight/ I miss you at the morning's great Dawn/ I sigh as I think of thy (illegible)/ The light of my home has now gone."

1. Frank Herbert Stitt: b January 21, 1856.

2. Willie Clarence Stitt: b September 20, 1858; m October 13, 1880, Emily Creaser; d January 1, 1929.

K.3.4
GARNER WILLETT and HARRIET H. PARSON
of Chesterfield Township, Fulton County, Ohio

Garner Willett was born on December 20, 1816, in Somerset County, New Jersey. He was taken from New Jersey to New York in 1835, and then to Fulton County, Ohio, in 1837.

> "He removed with his parents to New York in 1835 and at the age of 19 took his rifle on his shoulder and started west. He visited Adrian, Michigan, and several places in Ohio, led a wandering but rather happy life, viewing the country and killing deer, until 1837, when he bought a farm in Chesterfield Township, Fulton County, Ohio. When he left his father's home, his fortune consisted of $35.00 and his rifle, so the money to purchase his farm was earned by the sweat of his brow, working on the M. S. Railroad and Illinois Canal.
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> In 1839, he was joined by his father's family. (History of Fulton County, Ohio, 1920).

He married at Chesterfield Township, Fulton County, Ohio, April 20, 1845, Harriet H. Parsons (b April 10, 1823, at Summit County, Ohio; d February 12, 1906), in Chesterfield Township, Fulton County, Ohio.

He died on December 10, 1906.

1. Arthur M: b May 19, 1846.
2. Clay: b April 27, 1850.
3. Clara E: b May 2, 1852.
4. Dwight: b May 24, 1854.
5. Arvilla L: b March 2, 1857.
6. George W: b July 30, 1867.

CHAPTER TWELVE
SAMUEL WILLETT (1635-1700) OF NEW JERSEY

L.1
SAMUEL WILLETT of New Amsterdam and Middletown, Monmouth County, New Jersey

Samuel Willett was born about 1635, possibly in England, less likely in New England. He first appears in New Amsterdam (after 1664 New York) in 1655 when a Samuel Willett of New Amsterdam contracted to furnish timber to the Dutch government. He married about 1655. His son, Samuel, was most likely born there in Dutch New Amsterdam in 1656.

There is another (or the same?) Samuel Willett who immigrated from Bristol, England, sometime between 1663-1674 on the ship Barbados Merchant. Sometimes, business or property interests could take an individual back to England and some merchants had interests and plantations in the West Indies and would travel there to inspect their properties. It is entirely pausible for Samuel Willett of New Amsterdam to have left New Amsterdam and then returned. (Captain Thomas Willett of Plymouth arrived first in 1629, returned to England to be a witness in a trial, and then returned to Plymouth a second time in 1632. This is mentioned only as an example to support the possibility that Samuel of New Amsterdam, and Samuel of the Barbados Merchant could be the same person).

Regardless, of whether we are dealing with one or more Samuels, a Samuel Willett became a property holder at Middletown, Monmouth County, New Jersey, in the 1670s. This puts Samuel in the category of one of the original settlers of Monmouth County. According to the Rodman Genealogy, many of the original settlers of Monmouth County came from the Rhode Island Plantation. If this is true, then many of them would most likely be Quakers, with the rest being individuals who were trying to escape from the rigors of living under the theocratic rule of the Puritan Massachusetts Bay Colony.

It is unknown when Samuel died, but it must have been around 1700.
(Comstock, page 36).

1. Samuel (II): b 1656 in New Amsterdam (after 1664 New York); m about 1678 Hannah (b abt 1658; d 1733, age 75); resided in Middletown, Monmouth County, New Jersey; d 1730, age 74. See next L.1.1.

L.1.1
Samuel Willett of Middletown, Monmouth County, New Jersey

Samuel Willett (II) was born about 1656, possibly in New York City. He married, most likely in Middletwon, Monmouth County, New Jersey, about 1678 Hannah (b abt 1658; d 1733, age 75). This may be the sister of William Lawrence who had come from Long Island about 1667, or possibly a daughter of this Lawrence.

Samuel Willett was living at Middletown when either he or his father registered an ear marke for his cattle in 1676.

> On May 4, 1676: "Samuel Willett this day gave in his marke as followeth: A Slit in the Right eare and a hapeny under the left: Richard Hartshorne" (History and Genealogical Miscellany, Data Relating to the Settlement and Settlers of New York and New Jersey, John E. Stillwell, M. D., Volume 2, page 155).

He and his wife owned land in Shrewsbury, Monmouth County, in 1678. There was a Baptist Church at Middletown which was established around 1667-1670. In 1695, Samuel Willett was a grand juror at a Court held at Middletown. In 1699, Samuel Willett refused to assist in the arrest of Cornelius Compton.

In 1700, he owned 120 acres of land in Shrewsbury, Monmouth County, New Jersey. The Quakers had a meeting house in Shrewsbury at this time. He was also an innkeeper at Wakaki Landing, Monmouth County, New Jersey. Wataki Landing was on the coast and convenient to Long Island and ships which were engaged in the coastal trade between Boston, New York, and Virginia.

On March 25, 1701, the notorious Captain Kidd, on his last voyage from the East Indies to Boston, stopped at Samuel Willett's Inn at Wakaki. The Governor of the Colony of New Jersey had come to town to hold Court. Lewis Morris and Samuel Leonard of the Governor's Council, and Justices Jededian Allen and Samuel Dennis were there to try one Butterworth for piracy.

> "The said Butterworth was called and made his appearance, and when ye Court was Examining him one Samuel Willett Innholder said ye would break it up, and accordingly went down staires to a Company of ment then in armes and sent up a Drummer, one Thomas Johnson, into ye Court who beat upon his drum and severall of ye Company came up with their armes" (Revolutionary Proceedings, 1700, page 353).

The outcome was that Butterworth was rescued from the King's justice, and the Governor and Justices were seized and held prisoner from Tuesday, March 25, 1701, until Saturday, March 29th. No record has been discovered of any retribution taken against Samuel Willett or the 30 or 40 who seized Butterworth, or the nearly 100 who held the Governor and his Justices prisoners for nearly a week.

According to Comstock (1928), this riot was due to Captain Kidd's crew. It can be imagined that the Willlett's Tavern was a rendezvous for the pirate crew, and that they were looked upon favorably by the innkeeper, merchants and citizenry who benefited from their carousals and free spending of hard currency of silver and gold (Comstock, page 3).

Samuel Willett died in 1730, at the age of 74.

He is only known to have had 3 children, most likely there were more. Very little is known about his son Samuel (III). This Samuel (III) may have been the progenitor of the Samuel Willett family (K.2) which was covered in Chapter 11. However, at least one generation is missing.

(Comstock, pages 2, 36).

1. William: b abt 1680; m 1701 Sarah; resided in Middletown, Monmouth County, New Jersey and ran the family inn or tavern; d 1737, age 57. See next L.1.1.1.

2. Hannah (II): b abt 1682; mentioned in the will of John Bowne of Mattewan, Middletown, New Jersey, in 1714.

3. Samuel (III): b abt 1685; mentioned in the will of John Bowne of Mattewan, Middletown, New Jersey, in 1714. In 1733, Samuel Willett inventoried the estate of William Winter of Middletown, Monmouth County, New Jersey. Nothing else is known about this Samuel. Perhaps, he is the Samuel Willett of Lebanon, Hunterdon County, New Jersey, who

is a bondsman for John Sutton on the estate of Moses Sutton, dececeased, on April 14, 1740 (or it could be his nephew, Samuel, L.1.1.1.1).

L.1.1.1
WILLIAM WILLETT and SARAH of Middletown, Monmouth County, New Jersey

William Willett was born in 1680. He married in 1701 Sarah. In 1734, he witnessed the will of Andrew Wilson of Middletown. He must have inherited the inn at Wataki Landing or kept his own inn near Middletown.

In 1734, Sarah Willett was a member of the Middletown Baptist Church. William Willett died in 1737, at the age 57.

When William died in 1737, Sarah Willett probably continued operating the old Willett Inn. In 1749, she was charged with keeping a drinking place, but not convicted due to lack of proof. Evidently, she had not applied for the annual license or paid the annual tax to operate a tavern. Also it was difficult for a female to obtain the required licenses to operate an inn, tavern, or ordinary in colonial times. Sarah Willett was expelled from church, but taken back. She is mentioned as a member of the church in 1749, 1752, and 1753. In 1752, and 1753, she was keeping a road house.

(Comstock, pages 4, 36).

1. Samuel: b 1702; m 1723; d 1762, age 57. See next L.1.1.1.1.

2. Thomas: b 1708; resided in Middletown in 1738; d 1762. See next L.1.1.1.2.

L.1.1.1.1
SAMUEL WILLETT of Middletown, Monmouth County, New Jersey

Samuel Willett was born in 1702. He married in 1723. It is unknown where this Samuel lived. He was born most likely in Middletown, Monmouth County, New Jersey; but 2 of his children were associated with Middletown in 1750s while 2 of his children were associated with Hunterdon County in 1750s.

Samuel Willett is mentioned in the accounting of the estate of George Williams in 1751.

Samuel Willett died in 1762 at the age of 57. When he died, his son Samuel, administrator of his estate, was a resident of Hunterdon County.

(Comstock, page 36).

> "October 4, 1762: Int. Adm'r William Willett, eldest son of Samuel. Fellow bondsman: Phineas Skinner; both of Hunterdon County" (New Jersey Post-Revolutionary Documents, Calendar of Wills 1761 to 1770, page 479).

1. Elizabeth: b 1724; m February 4, 1744, Samuel Tilton, both of Monmouth County, New Jersey.

2. William: b 1726; m at Tewksbury Township, Hunterdon County, New Jersey, in 1748 Hannah Foster, the daughter of Cornelius Foster; by 1762, he was a resident of

Hunterdon County and had a fording place on the Lamington (or Black) River. See next L.1.1.1.1.2.

3. Samuel: b 1728, ; in Reading, Hunterdon County, New Jersey, on November 28, 1751, Sarah Tilton of Freehold, Monmouth County, New Jersey.

1. Samuel: b 1770; m in Hunterdon County, New Jersey, in August 27, 1797, Idox Melick; resided in Bridgewater, Hunterdon County, New Jersey.

4. John: b 1730; m in Middletown, Monmouth County, New Jersey, in October 31, 1751, Mary Wall of Middletown, Monmouth County, New Jersey; d 1794. See next L.1.1.1.1.4.

L.1.1.1.1.2
WILLIAM WILLETT and HANNAH FOSTER
of Tewksbury Township, Hunterdon County, New Jersey, and Saratoga, (then) Albany County, New York

William Willett was born in 1726, probably in Monmouth County, New Jersey. He came across the state and settled at Hunterdon County where he married at Tewksbury Township, Hunterdon County, New Jersey, in 1748 Hannah Foster (b October 5, 1732), the daughter of Cornelius Foster. (Occasionally, she will be called Hannah Skinner, daughter of Cornelius Skinner).

About the early 1750s, they lived at Tewksbury, Hunderton County, New Jersey. A little later, about 1755, they were living at Quicksburg, Hunterdon County, New Jersey. He had a fording place on the Lamington (also known as Black) River. He is associated repeatedly with both Hunterdon County and Somerset County, New Jersey. This is because the Lamington River was the boundary between the two counties, and as a miller, and the owner of a fording place on the river, he had real estate and business interests on both sides of the river. He is listed as an inhabitant of Bedminster, Somerset County, New Jersey, fropm 1760 to 1775.

Evidently, by 1758, he had a mill at Pottersville on the east side of the Lamington River inside Somerset County, New Jersey. When the war came, at least 2 of his sons, Samuel and Cornelius, entered the war as soldiers for the Continental Army.

William Willett, miller, is reputed to have carted grain for the Continental Army and received his payment in Continental money, the depreciation of which ruint him.

Besides his financial losses ocassioned by the war, his 2 soldier sons came home with tales of the great virgin country which they had seen in upper New York State. With the war over, with the previous Indian menance removed from the Mohawk Valley, and possibly with a bounty claim for land for services rendered during the war, William Willett, Senior, and his sons, Samuel and Cornelius, elected to make their fortunes in upper New York State.

William Willett, Senior, removed to Saratoga, (then) Albany County, New York, while his 2 sons settled on the opposite side of the Hudson River, not more than 20 miles away in Cambridge, (then) Albany County, New York. Later Saratoga would fall in Saratoga County, and Cambridge would be in Washington County.

In Saratoga, he followed his old trade; he leased a mill and 75 acres of land. William Willett, Senior, may have married a 2d time. At least at his death in 1792, his widow was then called Isabel.

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1. Adrah (daughter): b abt 1750; m abt 1770 McNaughton.

2. Samuel: b July 18, 1751, at Tewksbury, Hunterdon County, New Jersey; m in 1783 Elizabeth Andreas, at Hackettstown, Sussex County, New Jersey; removed to Centre Cambridge, Washington County, New York; d August 30, 1843, at Centre Cambridge, Washington County, New York. See next L.1.1.1.1.2.2.

3. Fanna: b 1752; m abt 1775 Van Nortwyche.

4. Elizabeth (Betsey): b July 3, 1743; m abt 1780 Frederick Cramer (b March 31, 1751, probably in Germany; d July 31, 1834, Hubbard, Trumball County, Ohio); all of their children were born near Hope, Essex County, New Jersey; d February 28, 1838. See next L.1.1.1.1.2.4.

5. Cornelius S: b January 15, 1756, at Tewksburg Township, Hunterdon County, New Jersey; m 1779 Nancy Whalen; d April 9, 1843, at Argyle, Washington County, New York. See next L.1.1.1.1.2.5.

6. William, Jr: b 1762 at Tewksbury Township, Hunterdon County, New Jersey; William Willett is listed in the poll tax list of Bedminster Township, Somerset County, New Jersey, from 1797 to 1803. See next L.1.1.1.1.2.6.

7. Aureyonke: b 1763. Conjectually, this could possibly be Abraham? or a nickname. (Often a researcher will not be able to correctly read a name because the handwriting on a document is so blurred or poorly written).

8. John: b 1765; resided in Plainfield, New Jersey; removed to Yates County, New York, in 1810. See next L.1.1.1.1.2.8.

L.1.1.1.1.2.2
SAMUEL WILLETT and ELIZABETH ANDREAS
of Cambridge, Washington County, New York

Samuel Willett was born on July 18, 1751, at Tewksbury Township, Hunterdon County, New Jersey. He was a private in the Revolutionary War having enlisted in Somerset County, New Jersey. The war opened his eyes to the great virgin lands which lay in upper New York State. And with the war over, he and his father, William, and his brother, Cornelius, moved to the new lands being recently reopened to settlement.

Samuel Willett married in 1783, at Hackettstown, Sussex County, New Jersey, Elizabeth Andreas (b 1759 in New Jersey; d December 14, 1852, at Centre Cambridge, Washington County, New York; buried in Whiteside Cemetery), the daughter of Jacob and Charity (Keerhart) Andreas.

Soon after they married, they removed to Cambridge, Washington County, New York. Samuel died on August 30, 1843, at Centre Cambridge, Washington County, New York, and is buried in the Whiteside Cemetery.

(Comstock, page 9).

1. Elizabeth (Betsey) (twin): b 1785 at Cambridge, Washington County, New York; m abt 1805 Daniel Hoag; d August, 1854.

1. Sidney Hoag: b abt 1810.

2. Hannah (twin): b 1785 at Cambridge, Washington County, New York; m abt 1805 Peleg Sherman; d 1871.

3. Polly: b 1787 at Cambridge, Washington County, New York; m 1809 Robert Kirby Almy; d 1859.

4. Amy Anna: b 1789 at Cambridge, Washington County, New York; unmarried; d April 22, 1834, at Cambridge, Washington County, New York.

5. John: b 1791 at Cambridge, Washington County, New York; m abt 1825 Anna Sherman; d April 28, 1833, age 42, at Cambridge, Washington County, New York.

6. Cornelius: b November 12, 1798, at Cambridge, Washington County, New York; m 1819 Ruth Kenyon at Centre at Cambridge, Washington County, New York; d October 5, 1868, at Centre Cambridge, Washington County, New York. See next L.1.1.1.1.2.2.6.

7. Samuel: b 1800 at Cambridge, Washington County, New York; m 1820 Mercy; living in 1843 at the time of his father's death; removed to Eden, Ingham County, Michigan, in 1867. See next L.1.1.1.1.2.2.7.

8. Sidney: b 1802 at Cambridge, Washington County, New York; d May 8, 1833, age 31, at Cambridge, Washington County, New York.

L.1.1.1.1.2.2.6
CORNELIUS WILLETT and RUTH KENYON
of Center Cambridge, Washington County, New York

Cornelius Willett was born on November 12, 1787, at Cambridge, Washington County, New York. He married in 1819 Ruth Kenyon (b 1797; d 1868), the daughter of Perry and Sarah Brownell Kenyon.

They lived about a half mile south of Center Cambridge on the road to South Cambridge. Cornelius died on October 5, 1868, at Centre Cambridge. He and his wife, and many of the family are buried in the Whiteside Cemetery.

(Comstock, pages 10-11).

1. Jane: b 1820; never married; deeded land to Srah K. Wright in 1877; d 1907.

2. Angeline: b 1823; m abt 1845 Alonson Wyatt (b 1824; d 1902); d abt 1857.

*1. Lysetta Wyatt: b 1851; she lived with the unmarried Willett sisters near West Cambridge while growing up.

3. Polly: b 1825; m abt 1845 Benjamin Fish Miller (b 1826; d 1901); resided in Lottsville, Pennsylvania, and later at Jamestown; buried in the Whiteside Cemetery; no children are known.

4. Perry (twin): b 1828; no record of marriage. He lived for a time with his sister Sarah and her husband, John B. Wright, on the present Frank Aulicino Farm, south of

Center Cambridge, on the town road to Buskirk. In early times, the road was east of the house, instead of west, at present. Perry is said to have joined the Willetts who had gone to western New York; d July, 1921, age 94, in Kansas.

5. Samuel (twin): b 1828; died as a youth at age 2 ½.

6. Sarah R: b 1830; m abt 1850 John B. Wright (b 1819; d 1903), the son of Robert Wright and Mercy Brownelle; resided at south of Center Cambridge on the Buskirk Road; they and their children are buried in Woodlands Cemetery.

1. Cornelius Wright: b 1860; unmarried; d 1887.

2. Robert A. Wright: b 1861; unmarried; d 1936.

3. John C. Wright: b 1866; unmarried; d 1943.

4. Samuel P. Wright: b 1868.

5. Katherine (Kate) Wright: b 1873; unmarried; d 1957.

7. Franklin: b 1832; m 1857 Susan Adelia Brownell (b 1835; d 1906), the daughter of Esek Brownell and Ann Wilcox. Franklin and Susan lived on the old Esek Brownell Farm (later known as the Hall Farm). It is the 2d farm east of the Brownell Cemetery, where Franklin and Susan are buried.

1. Arthur: b 1859.

8. John: b 1833; m abt 1855 Priscilla R. Wood (b 1839; d 1891), the daughter of Edward and Julia Ann (Baker) Wood. They moved to Youngsville, Pennsylvania; he died at Kimeily.

9. Elmore: b 1835; m abt 1855 Maria Jeanette (d 1915, age 77); d 1863.

1. Frederick C: b 1858; d after 1921.

2. Fanny V: b 1863.

10. Lyman F: b 1838.

11. Adrah (Anda) Elizabeth: b 1840; unmarried; d 1902.

12. Hannah M: b 1842; unmarried; d 1902.

13. Franklin: b abt 1845; resided in Easton; m abt 1865 Adelia.

L.1.1.1.1.2.2.7

SAMUEL WILLETT and MERCY of Cambridge, Washington County, New York

Samuel Willett was born in 1800 at Cambridge, Washington County, New York. He married in 1820 Mercy. He was living in 1843, at the time of his father's death.

He may have removed to Eden, Ingham County, Michigan in 1867.

(Comstock, page 11).

1. Sidney: b abt 1823.

2. Jacob: b abt 1825.

3. Andrew Jackson (twin): b abt 1827.

4. Thomas Jefferson (twin): b abt 1827.

5. Anna: b abt 1830.

6. Patience: b abt 1832.

L.1.1.1.1.2.4

ELIZABETH WILLETT and FREDERICK CRAMER of Hope, Essex County, New Jersey

Elizabeth (Betsey) Willett was born on July 3, 1753. She married about 1780 Frederick Cramer (b March 31, 1751, probably in Germany; d July 31, 1834, Hubbard, Trumball County, Ohio). All of their children were born near Hope, Essex County, New Jersey; d February 28, 1838.

1. William Cramer: b June 30, 1776.

2. Elizabeth Cramer: b October 12, 1777.

3. Mithias Cramer: b September 20, 1779.

4. Hannah Cramer: b August 23, 1784.

5. Cornelius Cramer: b November 2, 1786.

6. Frederick Cramer: b September 2, 1788.

7. Mary Cramer: b November 1, 1790.

8. Fannie Cramer: b May 5, 1793.

9. Abraham Kline Cramer: b September 25, 1797.

L.1.1.1.1.2.5

CORNELIUS WILLETT and NANCY WHALEN

of Hunterdon County, New Jersey, and Argyle, Washington County, New York

Cornelius Willett was born on January 15, 1756, at Quicksburg, Hunterdon County, New Jersey. His birth place is usually listed as Tewksbury, Hunterdon County, New Jersey, and ocasionally as Bedminster, Somerset County, New Jersey. These are across the Lamington River from each other, and his father had real estate and property interests in both towns. So either location can be considered correct. He is ocasionally referred to as a great-grandson of Captain Thomas Willett of Plymouth; however, the line of descent usually given or inferred is obviously in error.

He enlisted in 1776 and served as a private and as a sergeant in Captain David Frazier's Company, Colonel Hunt's Battalion, Somerset County, New Jersey (Daughters of the American Revolution Lineage Book, Volume 61, page 244). His duties in the war must have taken him into upper New York State, and perhaps into the Mohawk Valley. As soon as the war was over, he, his father, William, and his brother, Samuel, all removed into the newly reopened frontier.

He married in New Jersey on February 17, 1781, Nancy Whalon (b June 16, 1761; d 1825), the daughter of James and Sarah (Smith) Whalon.

They removed to Argyle, Washington County, New York, where he died April 9, 1843. After his death, his wife and several of his children may have removed to Genesee County, in western New York.

1. Hannah: b October 30, 1781 (also reported as March 2, 1781, and March 2, 1782) in Orange County, New York; m Henry Gillam (b May 8, 1781; d June 11, 1847), the son of Ezekial and Eunice (Parkhurst) Gillam; resided Cayuga County, New York, prior to 1834, and in 1834, at Bristol, Kendall County, Illinois and Sarah died in October 30, 1847; buried in the Township Cemetery at Bristol. See next L.1.1.1.1.2.5.1.

2. Elizabeth: b 1782 at Argyle, Washington County, New York; m 1807 George Getty; d 1874.

1. Nancy Getty: b 1815; m 1851 David Beattie (b 1821; d 1871); d 1895.

3. James Whalon: b 1786 at Argyle, Washington County, New York; m 1817 Sally Tomb; resided in Argyle, Washington County, New York; m 2d Rachel Maria Lyle; d 1861. See next L.1.1.1.1.2.5.3.

4. William: b 1788 in Washington County, New York; m abt 1815 Margaret Allen (b 1794); he was a Justice of the Peace in 1830 in Argyle, New York; removed to Genesee County, New York. See next L.1.1.1.1.2.5.4.

5. Samuel: b 1789; m in Tinmouth, Vermont, in 1812, or 1813, Mary (Polly) Webb (b 1791; d February 23, 1862); he owned land in Tinmouth, Vermont, in 1813, 1815, and 1817; d December 30, 1866, age 75. See next L.1.1.1.1.2.5.5.

6. John: b January 10, 1790, at Argyle, Washington County, New York; m 1814 Salinda Allen; d 1885. See next L.1.1.1.1.2.5.6.

7. Sarah: b abt 1794.

8. Cornelius S: b November 21, 1796, at Argyle, Washington County, New York; served in the War of 1812; m abt 1820 Ann Lytle (b September 11, 1803; d December 25, 1892); d January, 1852, at Arygle, Washington County, New York; d January 15, 1852. See next L.1.1.1.1.2.5.8.

9. Nancy: b abt 1798.

10. Henry S: b 1801; d June 5, 1824; age 23.

11. Reuben W: b 1804 in Washington County, New York; m 1st abt 1825 Sarah M. (b 1808 in New York); he was a farmer who resided in Genesee County, New York; m 2d abt 1870 Jennet Wright. See next L.1.1.1.1.2.5.11.

L.1.1.1.1.2.5.1
HANNAH WILLETT and HENRY GILLAM
of Cayuga County, New York, and Bristol, Kendall County, Illinois

Hannah Willett was born on October 30, 1781 (also reported as March 2, 1781, and March 2, 1782) in Orange County, New York. She married Henry Gillam (b May 8, 1781; d June 11, 1847), the son of Ezekial and Eunice (Parkhurst) Gillam. They resided in Cayuga County, New York, prior to 1834. In 1834, they pioneered the settlement at Bristol, Kendall County, Illinois, along with her brother James W. Willett.

Henry Gillam died soon afterwards in the spring of 1847; and Sarah died in October 30, 1847. They are buried in the Township Cemetery at Bristol.

1. Samuel Sloane Gillam (twin): b June 22, 1822, at Cayuga County, New York; m August 3, 1853, at Ivanhoe, Illinois, Abigail Cornelia Clark (b April 16, 1833, at Argyle, Washington County, New York), the daughter of Hiram and Malinda (Payne) Clark; d June 9, 1917, at Windom, Cottonwood County, Minnesota.

1. Henry Clark Gillam:

2. Charles Willett Gillam: b April 18, 1861, in Omro, Wisconsin; m February 20, 1890, Helen Frances Hunt; d May 13, 1931, in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

1. Stanley Sloane Gillam: b November 15, 1890, in Windsor, Minnesota; m December 19, 1925, Elinor Hudson, the daughter of Horace Bushnell Hudson and Anna Virginia (Brown) Hudson; d February 14, 1927.

2. Lydia (twin): b June 22, 1822.

L.1.1.1.1.2.5.3
Colonel JAMES WHALLON WILLETT
of Arygle, Washington County, New York, and Yorkville, Kendall County, Illinois

James Whallon Willett was born in 1786 at Argyle, Washington County, New York. In 1817, he married Sally Tomb (b 1795; d August 28, 1825, age 30). He is reported to have been an officer in the War of 1812. He eventually obtained the rank of Colonel.

In 1834, he along with his sister's family moved westward to the small village of Bristol (now Yorkville), Kendall County, Illinois. Kendall County, of which Yorkville is the county seat, was organized in February, 1841, and included the three townships of Kane County (Aurora) and six of LaSalle.

James W. Willett married 2d about 1829 Rachel Maria Lyle who died August 9, 1877, aged 73 years and 2 months, and who is buried in the Township Cemetery at Bristol, Kendall County, Illinois.

Colonel James W. Willett died September 19, 1861, age 75 years and 7 months, and is buried in the Township Cemetery at Bristol, Kendall County, Illinois.

(Comstock, page 12).

1. Joseph Tomb: b July 23, 1818, at Argyle, Washington County, New York; m 1840 Cornelia Antoinette Whallon. See next L.1.1.1.1.2.5.3.1.

2. Sally: b 1824; d August 23, 1825, age 9 months.

3. Henry S: b 1830, m Emma C; resided in Kendall County, Illinois; he was a Union Captain who died at the battle of Chickamauga; buried in the Township Cemetery, Bristol. See next L.1.1.1.1.2.5.3.3.

4. Frances A: b 1843; d September 11, 1845, age 2 years and 5 months; buried in the Township Cemetery, Bristol, Kendall County, Illinois.

L.1.1.1.1.2.5.3.1
JOSEPH TOMB WILLETT and CORNELIA ANTONETTE WHALLON
of Washington County, New York, and Gratiot County, Michigan

Joseph Tomb Willett was born on July 23, 1818, at Arygle, Washington County, New York. He was educated in the schools of Washington County and at Union College, Schenectedy, New York, where he graduated A. B. in 1840. He also married in 1840 Cornelia Antoinette Whallon, the daughter of the Hon. Reuben Whallon, an early settler of Essex County, New York.

> "Part of 1840 and 1841 was spent at Princeton Presbyterian Seminary, and October 14, 1841, he was licensed to preach by the Presbytery of Troy, New York. After more than 20 years of acceptable service as a Presbyterian pastor in New York, he removed to Michigan in 1865. He served the Presbytery of Grand Rapids as a missionary for one year, the latter part of which was spent in Gratiot County, making St. Louis his central point, and which he first reached the summer of 1866. In 1867, he removed his family to St. Louis which became his home until 1879" (Gratiot County, Michigan, Tucker, 1913, page 989).

The Rev. Joseph Willett died in the home of his daughter, Mrs. Spooner, at Terrace Park, Ohio, in 1879. His wife, Cornelia, died on April 24, 1889.
(Daughters of the American Revolution Lineage Book, Volume 61, page 244; Gratiot County, Michigan, Tucker, 1913, pages 989-990).

1. Elnora R: b abt 1842 in Essex County, New York; m Judge William Spooner of Cincinnati, Ohio; resided in Pasadena, California (1913); resided (1933) at 384 Simms Street, Aurora, Kane County, Illinois (just west of Chicago).

2. Cora: b abt 1845; d.y.

3. James S. Whallon: b 1846; d in 1864 at the age of 18.

4. Charles Joseph: b June 5, 1849; m at St. Louis on May 13, 1874, Hattie Crossman of St. Louis, Gratiot County, Michigan; in 1893, removed to Pasadena, California. See next L.1.1.1.1.2.5.3.1.4.

5. Nettie: b 1852; d in 1872 St. Louis at age 20.

L.1.1.1.1.2.5.3.1.4
CHARLES JOSEPH WILLETT and HATTIE CROSSMAN
of Gratiot County, Michigan, and Pasadena, California

Charles Joseph Willett was born at Essex, Essex County, New York, on June 5, 1849. He came to Michigan with his parents in 1865. He graduated from Grand Rapids High School in 1867, and in June arrived in St. Louis, Gratiot County, Michigan.

"For four years he attended the University of Michigan graduating A. B. in 1871. The following year he had charge of the schools at Chelsea, Washtenaw County, Michigan. On the close of the schools at Chelsea in June, 1872, he returned to St. Louis, acted for a time as deputy postmaster, then entered the Gratiot County Bank as clerk where he served for two years and was organized with Messrs. Saviers, Harrington, and Wessels, what was known as the Merchants and Farmers' Bank. This bank he managed for two years and was then admitted to the bar as an attorney, his study of the law having employed his spare time for five years. In 1873, Mr. Willett was elected treasurer of the village and served one term. At about the same time, he help to organize the St. Louis Union School District, and became one of the trustees, a place he occupied by successive elections for ten years. In 1878, he was elected president of St. Louis Village and served one term. In 1880, he was elected prosecuting attorney of Gratiot County and served two years. In 1883, he was elected Regent of the University on the state ticket and served for eight years" (Gratiot County, Michigan, Tucker, 1913, page 990).

He married at St. Louis on May 13, 1874, Harriet (Hattie) Crossman (b August 25, 1852, at Pelham, Ontario), the daughter of Abisha R. and Sophia Dunn Crossman, of St. Louis, Gratiot County, Michigan.

Member of the Board of Regents of the University of Michigan, 1884-1892. On November 9, 1891, he was admitted to practice in the Supreme Court of the United States, and on October 16, 1893, in the Supreme Court of California. In 1893, they removed to Pasadena, California.

(Michigan Biographies, Volume II, 1924, page 449; Portaits and Biographical Sketches, Gratiot County, Michigan, 1884, page 468; Gratiot County, Michigan, Tucker, 1913, pages 989-990).

L.1.1.1.1.2.5.3.2
HENRY S. WILLETT of Bristol Station, Kendall County, Illinois

Henry S. Willett was born in 1830. He married about 1850 Emma C. They resided in Kendall County, Illinois (just south of Kane County, and west of Chicago); he was a Captain in the Civil War and was killed at the Battle of Chickamauga. He left real estate and a limber and hardware business at Bristol Station, Kendall County, Illinois. (Daughters of the American Revolution Lineage Book, Volume 84, page 48). He is buried in the Township Cemetery, Bristol.

1. Minnie: b abt 1852; m Pitcher.

2. Clyndon: b abt 1855.

3. Clayton: b at 1857.

4. Beth: b abt 1860; m Jackson.

L.1.1.1.1.2.5.4
WILLIAM WILLETT and MARGARET ALLEN of Genesee County, New York

William Willett was born in 1788 in Washington County, New York. He married about 1825 Margaret Allen (b 1798; d April 9, 1870, age 72; buried Hillside Cemetery, East Pembroke, Anglin Road). He was a Justice of the Peace in 1830 in Argyle, New York.

About 1840, they removed to Genesee County, New York. William died on December 19, 1860, age 73, and is buried in the Hillside Cemetery, East Pembroke, Anglin Road.

(1850 Pembroke, Genesee County, New York, census).

1. James M: b 1832. (1850 Pembroke, Genesee County, New York, census).

2. Nancy: b 1833. (1850 Pembroke, Genesee County, New York, census).

3. Sarah: b 1836. (1850 Pembroke, Genesee County, New York, census).

4. Joseph: b 1841; when the Civil War came, he enlisted in the 8th Regiment Artillery, New York Volunteers; d in on June 16, 1864, as a Prisoner of War at Danville, Virginia. (1850 Pembroke, Genesee County, New York, census).

L.1.1.1.1.2.5.5
SAMUEL WILLETT and MARY WEBB of Batavia, Genesee County, New York

Samuel Willett was born in 1789. He married in Tinmouth, Vermont, in 1812, or 1813, Mary (Polly) Webb (b 1791; d February 23, 1862). Samuel Willett owned land in Tinmouth, Vermont, in 1813, 1815, and 1817.

Samuel died on December 30, 1866, age 75. His will mentioned John W. Willett, his son; his grandson, Marion Gould (Conklin?); his daughter Jane Powers; and his nephew James M. Willett.

(1850 Batavia, Genesee County, New York, census).

1. (child): d December 26, 1813, age 2 days (10?); buried in cemetery, Sawyer lot.

2. John W: b 1817 in New York; m abt 1840 Elizabeth J. (b 1822 in New York). (1850 Batavia, Genesee County, New York, census).

1. John L: b 1843 in New York. (1850 Batavia, Genesee County, New York, census).

2. Sarah A: b 1847 in New York. (1850 Batavia, Genesee County, New York, census).

3. Mary J: b 1850 in New York. (1850 Batavia, Genesee County, New York, census).

C.1.1.1.1.2.5.6
JOHN WILLETT and SALINDA ALLEN
of Tinmouth, Vermont, and North Granville, New York

John Willett was born on January 10, 1790, possibly in New Jersey. At some point, as a young man, he moved to Tinmouth, Rutland County, Vermont. The brothers, John, Samuel, and William Willett all owned property in Tinmouth, Vermont during 1815-1817. John Willett, of Tinmouth, bought land in Granville, New York, in 1828. He sold the same land sometime between 1829 and 1844.

Later he may have moved to Albany, Albany County, New York; but finally about 1812, they settled at Granville, Washington County, New York, where he remained the rest of his life. Washington County, New York, and Rutland County, Vermont, adjoin each other.

> "He entered the War of 1812 as a drummer boy, but never reached the front. He was a successful farmer, and active in the interests of the Presbyterian Church" (Virginia Biography, page 938).

About 1815, he married Salinda Allen (b September 12, 1792; d June 14, 1871), a descendent of the Revolutionary War hero of Vermont, Ethan Allen. He died in Granville, Washington County, New York, on October 14, 1885, at the age of 95.
(Bookstaver, pages 938-939; Comstock, page 13).

1. Addison: b 1820; m 1853 Rhoda Barrett (b 1824; d 1872, age 67); d July 11, 1886. See next C.1.1.1.1.2.5.6.1.

C.1.1.1.1.2.5.6.1
ADDISON WILLETT and RHODA BARRETT
of North Granville, Washington County, New York

Addison Willett was born in 1820 in Tinmouth, Rutland County, Vermont (or in Washington County, New York). His father is said to have come to Tinmouth from New York. He was 8 years old when his parents either moved to, or returned to, North Granville, Washington County, New York.

> "His primary education was supplied by public schools, and he subsequently graduated from Union College at Schenectady, New York. He inherited the parental homestead, and after some years of farming became a teller in the North Granville National Bank, which position he held until the time of his death in 1886. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church, in which he was an elder, and was active in public affairs, joining his political fortune with the Republican party upon its organization" (Virginia Biography, page 939).

In 1853, he married Rhoda Barrett (b 1824; d July 11, 1872).
He died on July 11, 1886. (Bookstaver, page 68; Comstock, pages 13-14; Virginia Biography, page 939; Virkus, Volume III, page 252).

1. John Addison: b April 26, 1854 in North Granville, Washington County, New York; m December 20, 1876, Frances Allene Wiley; removed to Newport News, Virginia, in 1891. See next L.1.1.1.1.2.5.6.1.1.

2. Mary Annetta W: b 1856 Washington County, New York; m 1881 Lemma Bishop Manville of New York.

1. William Willett Manville: b 1882.

2. Anna Parker Manville: b 1890; m George Alexander Parker

3. William Ward: b 1858 Washington County, New York; m 1882 Mary Ella Leveridge. See next L.1.1.1.1.2.5.6.1.3.

4. Anna Barker: b 1860 in Washington County, New York; m 1885 Frank B. Mason of Granville, New York.

1. Marion Mason: b 1890; m 1913 Hugh Robinson.

1. Frank M. Robinson: b 1914.

2. Gladys Mason: b 1893.

L.1.1.1.1.2.5.6.1.1
JOHN ADDISON WILLETT and FRANCES ALLENE WILEY
of North Granville, Washington County, New York, and Newport News, Virginia

John Addison Willett was born on April 26, 1854, in North Granville, Washington County, New York. He was educated in an academy there (Bookstaver, page 68).

> "At a very early age, he was accustomed to assist his father in the labors of the farm, and he assumed its management when the father engaged in the banking business. Subsequently, the son was employed in the bank, and after the death of his father (1886) succeeded the latter as teller. He continued as teller of the North Granville National Bank until 1891, when he removed to Newport News, Virginia, to take the position of cashier in the Bank of Newport News, which later became the First National Bank of Newport News" (Virginia Biography, page 939).

On December 20, 1876, he married Frances Allene Wiley (b August 1, 1853; d 1920), the daughter of Samuel Wiley. In 1891, they moved to Newport News, Virginia where they resided at 312 63d Street, Newport News.

On September 12, 1891, he was a founding officer of the Newport News First National Bank with the position of cashier and director (Newport News, page 117).

He was appointed a Newport News city council member on July 7, 1896, and again on July 6, 1897 (Newport News, page 15). In 1899, he help to incorporate the Newport News Distilled Ice Company, and was appointed as its Treasurer, and on December 11, 1912, as

a Director (Newport News, page 121). The ice company delivered ice by horse drawn wagon as late as 1935. (Virginia Biography, page 939; Virkus, Volume III, page 252).

1. John Addison: b May, 1878, in New York; m April, 1900, Ida Crossley. See next L.1.1.1.1.2.5.6.1.1.1.

2. Allene Willey: b February 5, 1885; a graduate of Miss Fuller's School, Ossining, New York; m October 25, 1911, Leroy Summerfield Edwards, Jr., of Virginia.

1. Francis Willett Edwards: b January 7, 1915.

L.1.1.1.1.2.5.6.1.1.1
JOHN ADDISON WILLETT and IDA CROSSLEY of Newport News, Virginia

John Addison Willett was born May, 1878, at North Granville, Washington County, New York. His father moved to Newport News in 1891.

> He was "educated at the Newport News Military Academy, was employed for a time in the shipyard of that city, and is now paying teller of the First National Bank of Newport News" (Virginia Biography, page 939).

He married April, 1900, Ida Crossley.

1. John Addison (III):

L.1.1.1.1.2.5.6.1.3
WILLIAM W. WILLETT and MARY E. LEVERIDGE of Washington County, New York

William W. Willett was born in 1858 at North Granville, Washington County, New York. In 1882, he married Mary Ella Leveridge. (Virginia Biography, page 939).

1. Seymour: b 1885; m 1909 Grace Morrell.

1. Elizabeth: b 1911.

2. William Ward: b 1913.

2. Eloise: b 1888; m 1911 Henry Byrd Prout.

1. William Willett Prout: b 1913.

L.1.1.1.1.2.5.8

CORNELIUS S. WILLETT and ANN LYTLE of Argyle, Washington County, New York

Cornelius S. Willett was born on November 21, 1796, at Argyle, Washington County, New York. He served in the War of 1812. He married about 1820 Ann Lytle (b September 11, 1803; d December 25, 1892).

Cornelius Willett died January 15, 1852, at Arygle, Washington County, New York.

1. John R: b June 21, 1830; m 1860 Nancy W. Harsha.

    1. Jennie: b abt 1862; m Edward McEachron of Omaha, Nebraska.

    2. Henrietta: b abt 1865; m Samuel B. Charles, M. D. of Denver, Colorado.

2. Sarah Elizabeth: b abt 1832.

3. Harriet Ann: b abt 1835.

4. Nancy Jane: b abt 1837.

L.1.1.1.1.2.5.11

REUBEN W. WILLETT of Pembroke, Genesee County, New York

Reuben W. Willett was born in 1804 in Washington County, New York. He married 1st about 1825 Sarah M. (b 1808 in New York). In 1850, and 1875, he was a farmer who resided in Genesee County, New York. In 1850, Caroline McCumber, age 27 (b 1823) and Mary McCumber, age 7 (b 1843) were living in his household.

In 1875, he was a railroad agent. He married 2d about 1870 Mrs. Jennet Wright (b 1808 in Connecticutt), who bought her daughter, Cora Wright (b 1865 in Massachusetts), into the Reuben Willett home.

(1850, 1875, Town of Pembroke, Genesee County, New York, census).

1. Nancy M: b 1832 in New York. (1850 Town of Pembroke, Genesee County, New York, census).

2. Edward R: b 1839 in New York. (1850 Town of Pembroke, Genesee County, New York, census).

3. Nantilla E: b 1845 in New York. (1850 Town of Pembroke, Genesee County, New York, census).

4. Sarah G: b 1846 in Genesee County, New York. (1850, 1875, Town of Pembroke, Genesee County, New York, census).

L.1.1.1.1.2.8
JOHN WILLETT
of Middlesex County, New Jersey, and Ontario (now Yates) County, New York

John Willett was born about 1765 (between 1765-1785), possibly in Middlesex County, New Jersey. There is a family tradition in his grandchildren's and great grandchildren's generations that he came from Scotland. However, his grandfather, William Willett, was born in Monmouth County, New Jersey, and he was most likely born in Hunterdon County, or Somerset County, New Jersey. These four counties: Monmouth, Middlesex, Somerset, and Hunterdon, stretch across the narrow waist of the state of New Jersey.

John Willett was living in Plainfield, Middlesex County, New Jersey, in 1786. His father, and 2 of his brothers had left for (then) Albany County, New York, to start anew after the Revolutionary War. He may have moved to Plainfield for the same reason.

There is no record of his wife's name (b between 1765-1785). About 1810, John Willett removed to Ontario (after 1821 Yates) County, New York. This was about the time of a great migration of people into the interior of the young American Republic. The Erie Canal was being opened. The Indian menace had diminished. And the eastern seaboard was getting crowded, at least by the standards of that day.

One John Willett is listed in the town of Farmington in the 1810 census of Ontario (now Yates) County, New York. The family consisted of 3 males under 10, and 1 male 26-45 years; 1 female under 10, 1 female 10-16, and 1 female 26-45 years. In 1816, John Willett is listed in the land records of Benton, Ontario (now Yates) County, New York. There is nothing in the Ontario County, New York, land transaction or deeds after 1821 when the portion of Ontario County that John Willett lived in became Yates County.

Yates County is in the Applachian Plataeu region of western New York state. It has 4 main towns: Middlesex, Penn Yan, Himrod, and Dundee. The region is bounded by 3 lakes of the Finger Lake District: Canandaigua, Seneca, and Kekua.

(Bookstaver, page 20; Comstock, page 20; 1810 Ontario County, New York, census).

1. Sarah: b abt 1799 (b 1795-1800); m abt 1825 Steward.

    1. Pheobe Steward:

2. Thomas: b abt 1802 (b 1800-1810).

3. Isaac: b abt 1805 (b 1800-1810); m abt 1830 Mary; resided in Yates County, New York; they are not mentioned in the 1850 Yates County, New York, census.

    1. Isaac: b abt 1835.

    2. Emeline: b abt 1837.

4. Eveline: b abt 1806 (b 1800-1810); m abt 1835 Meyers.

5. John: b 1808 (1800-1810), probably in New Jersey; m 1st abt 1830 Sarah Pierce; m 2d Mary Roat. See next L.1.1.1.1.2.8.5.

6. Albert: b abt 1812.

7. James: b abt 1815; m abt 1835 Christina; resided in Yates County, New York; they are not mentioned in the 1850 Yates County, New York, census.

1. Allie: b abt 1836.

2. Delos: b abt 1838.

3. Delight: b abt 1830.

L.1.1.1.1.2.8.5
JOHN WILLETT of Yates County, New York

John Willett was born in 1808, probably in Middlesex County, New Jersey. He married 1st abt 1830 Sarah Pierce. Sarah had died before 1850, probably about 1840.
John married 2d Mary A. Roat. They resided in Yates County, New York in 1850.
(Bookstaver, pages 72-73; 1850 Yates County, New York, census).

1. Jonathan: b 1830; m abt 1850 Christina Thomas; no issue. They are not listed in the 1850 census for Yates County, New York.

2. Marietta: b 1832; m abt 1850 William Lewis.

1. Marietta Lewis:

3. James: b 1835; died young.

4. Charles: b 1838; m abt 1860 Martha A. Craw; resided in Yates County, New York. (1850 Yates County, New York, census). See next L.1.1.1.1.2.8.5.4.

5. Sarah: b 1842; m abt 1860 Thomas Batty. (1850 Yates County, New York, census).

1. Mary E. Batty:

6. Ebneezer: b 1845; m abt 1865 Mary Connolly. See next L.1.1.1.1.2.8.5.6.

L.1.1.1.1.2.8.5.4
CHARLES WILLETT and MARTHA A. CRAW of Yates County, New York

Charles Willett was born in Yates County, New York, in 1838. He married about 1860 Martha A. Craw. They resided in Yates County. (Bookstaver, page 74).

1. Frances: b abt 1862.

2. Julia: b abt 1865.

3. Clara: b abt 1867.

4. Lillian: b abt 1870.

5. James D: b abt 1872.

L.1.1.1.1.2.8.5.6
EBENEEZER WILLETT and MARY CONNOLLY of Yates County, New York

Ebeneezer Willett was born in Yates County, New York, in 1845. He married about 1865 Mary Connolly. They resided in Yates County, New York.
(Bookstaver, page 74).

1. John: b abt 1870; died young.

2. Charles: b abt 1872.

3. Ella: b abt 1875.

4. John: b abt 1877.

L.1.1.1.2
THOMAS WILLETT of Middletown, New Jersey

Thomas Willett was born in 1708. He resided in Middletown in 1738. In 1738, he was bonded as the adminstrator of James Gibson's estate.
(Comstock, page 37).

1. Peter: b 1730; in 1757 in Tewksbury Township, Hunterdon County, New Jersey. See next L.1.1.1.2.1.

2. David: b abt 1736; m abt 1756 Ann; d 1781 in Hunterdon County. See next L.1.1.1.2.2.

L.1.1.1.2.1
PETER WILLETT of Tewksbury Township, Hunterdon County, New Jersey

Peter Willett was born in 1730; in 1757 in Tewksbury Township, Hunterdon County, New Jersey. (Comstock, page 37).

1. Jonathan: b 1756; in Revolutionary War; in 1790, he was a freeholder of Bernard's Township, Somerset County; m abt 1780; d 1811 in Warren County, New Jersey. See next L.1.1.1.2.1.

2. Taylor: b 1758; was in the Revolutionary War; removed to New York City. (Comstock, page 35).

L.1.1.1.2.1.1
JONATHAN WILLETT of Bernard's Township, Somerset County, New Jersey

Jonathan Willett was born in 1756. When the war came in 1776, he was living in Somerset County, New Jersey. He served in the Revolutionary War. In 1790, he was a freeholder of Bernard's Township, Somerset County.
He married about 1780. Most likely, he was a cooper.
Jonathan died in 1811 in Warren County, New Jersey. His estate was inventoried on November 8, 1811, and was valued at $547.99.

1. Mary: b abt 1780; d 1857 in Bedminster Township, Somerset County, New Jersey.

2. Thomas: b abt 1782; m abt 1805 Catherine; resided in Plickering, Somerset County, New Jersey; d after 1857.

1. Alexander: b February 11, 1823.

1. Alexander K: resided in Plainfield, Union County, New Jersey.

2. Mary: b abt 1825; m abt 1845 David McCullough; d after 1857.

L.1.1.1.2.2
DAVID WILLETT
of Bedminster, Somerset County, and Amwell, Hunterdon County, New Jersey

David Willett was born about 1736. He married about 1756 Ann. He died in 1781 in Hunterdon County. Mrs. Anna Willett, widow, married before 1792 Joel Woolverton.

> "October 6, 1781: Int. Adm'x of David Willett of Amwell Township, Hunterdon County, New Jersey: is Ann Willett.
> Fellow Bondsman: William Lowery, and Samuel Griggs, all of said place."
>
> "October 4,1781: inventory £ 92.14.0 made by John Griggs, and Samuel Griggs."
>
> "February 23, 1792: account by Joel Woolverton and Anne his wife, late Anne Willett, widow of David Willit" (New Jersey Post-Revolutionary Documents, Calendar of Wills 1781 to 1785, page 441).

1. Thomas: b abt 1757; m 1st Anna Case, in Bedminster, Somerset County; m 2d Elizabeth; d 1832, in Warren, Somerset County. See next L.1.1.1.2.2.1.

L.1.1.1.2.2.1
THOMAS WILLETT of Bedminster and Warren Township, Somerset County, New Jersey

Thomas Willett was born in 1757. He married 1st Anna Case, in Bedminster, Somerset County. He married 2d Elizabeth (b April 4, 1776; d October 12, 1854, age 78 years, 6 months, and 8 days; buried at Mount Bethel Baptist Church, Somerset County, New Jersey).

Thomas' children were baptised in the Neshamia Reformed Church in Somerset County, New Jersey.

Thomas died on December 12, 1831, age 72 years, 8 months, and 27 days. He is buried at Mount Bethel Baptist Church, Somerset County, New Jersey.

1. Elizabeth Ann: b and baptised on September 4, 1797.

2. Anna: b July 4, 1799; baptised September 4.

3. David: b September 11, 1801; baptised July 11, 1802; he married Martha A. (b 1817 in New Jersey). Mary Willett, age 54, and Nancy Willett, age 84, were living with them in 1850. (1850 Mendham Township, Morris County, New Jersey, census).

1. David: b summer, 1850. (1850 Mendham Township, Morris County, New Jersey, census).

4. John: b abt 1801.

L.1.1.1.1.2.6
WILLIAM WILLETT and PENELOPE WYCOFF
of Bedminster, Somerset County, New Jersey

William Willett was born about 1761, at Bedminster, Somerset County, New Jersey. On February 16, 1786, in Somerset County, New Jersey, he married Penelope (Nellie) Wyckoff, the daughter of Simon Wyckoff. They resided in Bedminister, Somerset County, New Jersey (Bedminster Township Assessment Roll, 1787). Bedminster is just east of Pottersville; Pottersville is separated from Hunterdon County only by the Lamington River.

His will was probated on January 3, 1827; the following children that are listed are also mentioned in his will. The list of children and grandchildren is by Bookstaver (1906).

(Bookstaver, page 66; Comstock, pages 15-16).

1. William M: b September 10, 1786; m November 28, 1814, Mary Carlisle (b February 10, 1796), the daughter of Robert Carlisle, II, and cousin to Sarah Carlisle; resided in German Valley, Washington Township, Morris County, New Jersey. He was a blacksmith.

2. Sarah: b abt 1788; unmarried.

3. Cornelius: b 1789; m abt 1810 1st Mary McKinstry; m 2d Margaret Castner; resided at Pottersville, New Jersey; resided in Roxbury, Morris County, New Jersey, in 1850. See next L.1.1.1.1.2.6.3.

4. Samuel: b abt 1790; m abt 1800 Sarah Carlisle; he resided in Bedminster, Somerset County, New Jersey, and German Valley prior to Washington Township, Morris County; d 1864. See next L.1.1.1.1.2.6.4.

5. John: b 1791. He is not mentioned in his the 1827 will of his father, William Willett. This John Willett is definitely not the same as the John Willett who married abt 1815 Salinda Allen. One family tradition has him removing to Albany, New York.

6. Isaac: b 1795; m February 27, 1817, Margaret Durenberger (Derenberger); settled in Middle Valley, Washington Township, Morris County, New Jersey; he was a blacksmith.

7. Hannah: b abt 1800; m abt 1820 James Trimmer (b March 8, 1800), the daughter of John Trimmer.

1. John Trimmer: b abt 1825.

2. Theodore Trimmer: b abt 1827.

3. Angeline Trimmer: b abt 1830.

L.1.1.1.1.2.6.3
CORNELIUS WILLETT of Roxbury Township, Morris County, New Jersey

Cornelius Willett was born in 1789. He married 1st in 1810 Mary McKinstry. He married 2d Margaret Castner; resided at Pottersville, New Jersey. They resided in Roxbury, Morris County, New Jersey, in 1850.

(1850 Roxbury Township, Morris County, New Jersey, census).

1. John G: b 1828; a distiller, in 1850. (1850 Roxbury Township, Morris County, New Jersey, census).

2. Samuel: b 1831; a mason in 1850. (1850 Roxbury Township, Morris County, New Jersey, census).

L.1.1.1.1.2.6.4
SAMUEL WILLETT and SARAH CARLISLE of German Valley, New Jersey

Samuel Willett was born about 1795. He resided in German Valley, New Jersey, and became a medical doctor. He married about 1820 Sarah Carlisle (b January, 1798; d December 20, 1884), the daughter of John Carlisle. They resided in German Valley, Washington (or Mendham) Township, Morris County, New Jersey. Samuel died in 1864.
(Comstock, page 16; 1850 Mendham Township, Morris County, New Jersey, census).

1. Eliphilet C: b 1818; m 1st abt 1845 Kerns; m 2d abt 1865 Emma Melvina Trimmer (b January 9, 1839; d 1894 in Morris County, New Jersey); d February, 1894, Morris County, New Jersey.

    1. Mary: b 1847 in New Jersey.

    2. Eliza: b 1849 in New Jersey; m abt 1870 John Weise.

2. Samuel: b 1820.

3. Catherine C: b 1827; m Peter Churchill.

4. Mary Louisa Jones: b abt 1827; m abt 1850 Parish Apgar (b 1823), the son of Joshua Apgar (b 1790; d 1868).

L.1.1.1.1.4
JOHN WILLETT, Jr., of Middletown, Monmouth County, New Jersey

John Willett was born about 1730. He was a resident and landowner in Middletown, Monmouth County, New Jersey. Perhaps, he is the John Willett of Middleton who married on October 31, 1751, Mary Wall. He died in 1794.
(Comstock, pages 20-21).

"Will of John Willett, Sr., of Monmouth County:
to: son John 3/10 of land;
to: son Humphrey 2/10 of land;
to: son Garrett 3/10 of land;
to: grandson John Willett (son of Joseph, deceased) 2/10 of land;
Said 3 sons to pay daughter, Mary Willett, £ 6 yearly, while unmarried.
Daughters: Lidia Tilton, Patience Miers, Hannah Hillyer, and Mary Willett, moveable estate to be divided between them.
Executor: son, Garrett.
Witnesses: Thomas Seabrook, Thomas Stout, Jacob Covenhaven.
Proved April 14, 1794"
(New Jersey Post-Revolutionary Documents, Calendar of Wills 1791 to 1795, page 399).

1. Joseph: b abt 1752; a private in Captain Samuel Dennis Company, 1st Regiment, Monmouth County, New Jersey, during the Revolution; m February 13, 1782, Arintha Covenhoven; d before 1791. See next L.1.1.1.1.4.1.

2. Lidia: b abt 1753; m Tilton.

3. Patience: b abt 1754; m March 20, 1770, Samuel Miers.

4. John: b abt 1755; a private in Captain Samuel Dennis Company, 1st Regiment, Monmouth County, New Jersey, during the Revolution; m abt 1777 Euphema; resided at Middleton, Monmouth County, New Jersey; d 1823. See next L.1.1.1.1.4.4.

5. Humphrey: b abt 1760; a private in Captain Samuel Dennis Company, 1st Regiment, Monmouth County, New Jersey, during the Revolution.

6. Garrett: b 1768; m abt 1790 Rebecca (b 1769); was in the New Jersey Militia; d 1858? See next L.1.1.1.1.4.6.

7. Hannah: b abt 1770; m Hillyer.

8. Mary: b abt 1772.

L.1.1.1.1.4.1
JOSEPH WILLETT of Middleton, Monmouth County, New Jersey

Joseph Willett was born in 1752. He was a private in Captain Samuel Dennis Company, 1st Regiment, Monmouth County, New Jersey, during the Revolution.

He married on February 13, 1782, Arintha Covenhoven. He died before 1791. (Comstock, pages 20-21).

1. John: b abt 1784 (between 1770-1790); he probably never married; he died in 1804. See next L.1.1.1.1.4.1.1.

L.1.1.1.1.4.1.1
JOHN WILLETT of Monmouth County, New Jersey

John Willett was born in Monmouth County, New Jersey, about 1784 (between 1770 and 1790). He became a ward of his uncle, John Willett, Jr., of Middleton, Monmouth County, in 1791.

> "July 27, 1791: John Willet of Monmouth County, Ward, son of John Willet, of said county, deceased. Petition of Thomas Seabrook, that John Willett, Jr., an uncle of said child, be appointed his guardian.
>
> Fellow bondsman: Thomas Seabrook, both of Middletown, said County.
>
> Witnesses: Daniel Hendrickson, Euphamia Clayton, Thomas Henderson."
>
> (New Jersey Post-Revolutionary Documents, Calendar of Wills 1791 to 1795, page 399).

John Willett, Jr., resided at Middleton, Middleton, Monmouth County, New Jersey. He died there in 1804.

> "July 4, 1804: will of John Willett, Jr., of Middletown, Monmouth County, New Jersey:
>
> to: uncle Garrett 1/3 of cleared land and lot of fresh meadow;
>
> to: uncle John Willett remainder of lands and moveable estate;
>
> Executors: uncles John and Garret Willet.
>
> Witnesses: John Snyder, Jacob Covenhoven, Armitha Willett.
>
> Proved October 4, 1804.
>
> November 15, 1804: inventory $354.77; made by Thomas SEabrook and Samuel Hopping."
>
> (New Jersey Post-Revolutionary Documents, Calendar of Wills 1791 to 1795, page 502).

L.1.1.1.1.4.4
JOHN WILLETT and EUPHEMA of Middletown, Monmouth County, New Jersey

John Willett was born about 1755. He was a private in Captain Samuel Dennis Company, 1st Regiment, Monmouth County, New Jersey, during the Revolution.

He married about 1777 Euphema and they resided at Middletown, Monmouth County, New Jersey. He died in 1823.

(Comstock, page 21).

1. Joseph: b 1825.

2. Mary: b abt 1827.

3. William: b abt 1830; m Julia.

L.1.1.1.1.4.6
GARRETT WILLETT and REBECCA of Monmouth County, New Jersey

Garrett Willett was born in 1768. He married about 1790 Rebecca (b 1769). He was in was in the New Jersey Militia.

Garret died in 1858?.

(Comstock, page 21).

1. Christopher: b August 12, 1803, in Middletown, Monmouth County, New Jersey; m June 4, 1827, in New York City, Triphena Wetmore Hubbell (b 1806; d April 15, 1881, in New Monmouth, Monmouth County, New Jersey), the daughter of Aaron Hubbell. See next L.1.1.1.1.4.6.1

2. John: b 1813.

3. Garrett: b abt 1815.

4. Patience Tilton: b abt 1817.

L.1.1.1.1.4.6.1
CHRISTOPHER WILLETT and TRIPHENA WETMORE HUBBELL
of Middletown, Monmouth County, New Jersey

Christopher Willett was born on August 12, 1803, in Middletown, Monmouth County, New Jersey. He married on June 4, 1827, in New York City, Triphena Wetmore Hubbell (b 1806; d April 15, 1881, in New Monmouth, Monmouth County, New Jersey), the daughter of Aaron Hubbell.

(Comstock, page 21; 1850 Middletown Township, Monmouth County, New Jersey, census).

1. George Washington: b January 9, 1830; m abt 1855 Martha Stuyvesant; resided in New York City. See next L.1.1.1.1.4.6.1.1.

2. Mary H: b September 11, 1836. (1850 Middletown Township, Monmouth County, New Jersey, census).

3. William L: b April 23, 1839. (1850 Middletown Township, Monmouth County, New Jersey, census).

4. Garrett Henry: b January 30, 1843. (1850 Middletown Township, Monmouth County, New Jersey, census).

5. Aaron H: b September 5, 1848. (1850 Middletown Township, Monmouth County, New Jersey, census).

L.1.1.1.1.4.6.1
GEORGE WASHINGTON WILLETT and MARTHA STUYVESANT of New York City

George Washington Willett was born on January 9, 1830. He married about 1855 Martha Stuyvesant. They resided in New York City.
(Comstock, page 22).

1. Edward: b January 9, 1861, New York City. He was a member of the firm of Comstock Willett Company of Bridgeport, Connecticutt.

2. Charles Randolph: b abt 1863; d in Bridgeport, Connecticutt, about 1896.

3. Amy West: b abt 1866; resided in New Jersey.

CHAPTER THIRTEEN
A SURVEY OF PENNSYLVANIA

M.1
SAMUEL WILLETT and RACHEL of Wells Valley, Fulton County, Pennsylvania

Samuel Willett was born in 1768 in Massachusetts. He was married about 1790. His 1st wife must have died young. He married as his 2d wife about 1800 Rachel Edwards (b 1777 in Massachusetts; d August 2, 1851, aged 73 years, 5 months, and 2 days). Evidently they married in Pennsylvania or removed to Pennsylvania about the time of their marriage. In 1800, they were living at Wells Township, Wells Valley area of Bedford (now Fulton) County, Pennsylvania. At this time it listed one male, age 0-10, one male, age 26-45, and one female, age 26-45.

In 1821, Samuel Willett donated one half acre to help establish the Wells Valley Methodist Church. A log church was constructed in that year.

Samuel Willett, Sr., operated a mill and a farm. He was a member of the old Whig Party and Methodist Episcoplian.

In 1850, they, Samuel and Rachel, were in the Fulton County census along with Sarah J. Green, age 10, born in Pennsylvania. The 1850 census taker had a quirk of making a "curly Q" at the end of most names; most transcribers rendered this as an "S" to form "Willets." However, an examination of the original census shows clearly that the census taker meant to spell "Willet."

Samuel Willett, Senior, died on May 1, 1857, aged 89 years, 9 months, and 15 days. Both he and his wife, Rachel, are buried in the Wells Valley Methodist Cemetery; their tombstones survive.

Samuel Willett's will is dated 1857:

To: Samuel, Jr., the farm;

To: Allen, $1.00; To: Thomas, $1.00; To: John, $1.00; To: Stephen, $1.00; To: Elisha, $1.00;

To: Mary Woodcock, and her husband Joseph, 7 or 8 acres which included the mill and saw mill;

To: Rachel French, (called Sarah in the will), $50.00, and Samuel, Jr., was to pay her and additional $50.00 within the year;

After all the expenses were paid, the balance of the estate was to go Samuel, Jr.

(Commemorative Biographical Encyclopedia of the Juniata Valley ... Pennsylvania, page 844; 1850 Wells Township, Fulton County, Pennsylvanai, census).

1. Thomas: b 1810 in Pennsylvania; m abt 1830 Rachel (b 1812 in Pennsylvania); resjded in Wells Valley, evidently on land purchased from his father (or perhaps his father made a deed of gift). See next M.1.1.

2. Allen: b 1811; m abt 1830 Sarah A. Green (b 1814 in Pennsylvanaia); resided in Wells Valley, Fulton County, Pennsylvania, evidently on land purchased from his father (or perhaps his father made a deed of gift). See next M.1.2.

3. Mary: m Woodcock.

4. Stephen: b abt 1815.

5. Elisha: b abt 1817.

6. Betsey: b abt 1818; m abt 1838 Green; probably d before 1850.

    1. Sarah A. Green: b 1840 in Pennsylvania.

5. Samuel (II): b 1820; m abt 1840 Elizabeth (b 1823 in Pennsylvania); resided in Wells Valley, Fulton County, Pennsylvania. See next M.1.5.

8. Rachel: b abt 1822; m abt 1845 French.

9. Anne: b abt 1825; m abt 1845 Smith

M.1.1

THOMAS WILLETT and RACHEL of Wells Valley, Fulton County, Pennsylvania

Thomas Willett was born in 1810 in Pennsylvania. He married about 1830 Rachel (b 1812 in Pennsylvania).

They resided in Wells Valley, evidently on land purchased from his father (or perhaps his father made a deed of gift).

(1850 Wells Township, Fulton County, census).

1. David: b 1831, Pennsylvania; a laborer. (1850 Wells Township, Fulton County, census).

2. Elizabeth: b 1833, Pennsylvania. (1850 Wells Township, Fulton County, census).

3. Elisha: b 1835, Pennsylvania. (1850 Wells Township, Fulton County, census).

4. Demanst: b 1836, Pennsylvania. (1850 Wells Township, Fulton County, census).

5. William W: b 1838, Pennsylvania. (1850 Wells Township, Fulton County, census).

6. Rachel: b 1842, Pennsylvania. (1850 Wells Township, Fulton County, census).

7. Nancy J: b 1843, Pennsylvania. (1850 Wells Township, Fulton County, census).

8. Allen: b 1845, Pennsylvania. (1850 Wells Township, Fulton County, census).

M.1.2

ALLEN WILLETT and SARAH A. GREEN of Wells Valley, Fulton County, Pennsylvania

Allen Willett was born in 1811 in Fulton County, Pennsylvania. He married about 1830 Sarah A. Green (b 1814 in Wells Township, Fulton County, Pennsylvanaia), the daughter of Nathaniel Green. They resided in Wells Valley, Fulton County, Pennsylvania, evidently on land purchased from his father (or perhaps his father made a deed of gift).

Allen was a farmer. His wife Sarah died in Fulton County. He married 2d Mrs. Margaret Henry Woodcock, widow. He was a Republican and a steward in the Methodist Episcopal church.

(Commemorative Biographical Encyclopedia of the Juniata Valley ... Pennsylvania, page 844; 1850 Wells Township, Fulton County, census).

1. Cordelia A: b 1831 in Pennsylvania; m abt 1855 Alexander B. Boyd; resided in Topeka, Kansas; attended George A. Willett's (her brother) funeral in 1914. (1850 Wells Township, Fulton County, census).

2. Oliver: b 1834 in Pennsylvania; a soldier in the Civil War; killed during the war in the Indian Territory. (1850 Wells Township, Fulton County, census).

3. Humphrey: b 1836 in Pennsylvania; was a soldier in the Civil War; removed to California. (1850 Wells Township, Fulton County, census).

4. William H: b February 4, 1841, Wells Township, Fulton County, Pennsylvania; m December 21, 1865, Mary E. Askin, the daughter of George and Matilda (Morrison) Askin. (1850 Wells Township, Fulton County, census). See next M.1.2.4.

5. Elizabeth J. (Fannie): b 1844 in Pennsylvania; m abt 1865 H. L. Layton; resided in Emporia, Kansas. (1850 Wells Township, Fulton County, census).

6. George A: b March 30, 1846, in Fulton County, Pennsylvania; m in 1878 Mary J. Grove; removed to Peabody, Kansas. (1850 Wells Township, Fulton County, census). See next M.1.2.6.

7. Cambridge G: b 1848 in Pennsylvania; removed to Topeka, Kansas. (1850 Wells Township, Fulton County, census).

M.1.2.4
WILLIAM H. WILLETT and MARY E. ASKIN
of Patterson, Milford Township, Juniata County, Pennsylvania

William H. Willett was born on February 4, 1841, in Wells Township, Fulton County, Pennsylvania. He attended the public schools in Wells Township, and in Rainesburg, Bedford County. When the war came, he enlisted, on September 1, 1861, in Company F, Seventy-Seventh Pennsylvania Volunteers, and was mustered into service at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

> "He participated in the battles of Pittsburg Landing, Stone River, Liberty Gap, Lookout Mountain, Nashville, and Resaca, and was with Sherman at the seige of Atlanta, where he received a wound in his right arm. He was in service three and a half years. He was a sergeant of his company and orderly sergeant, and was promoted to the rank of Second Lieutenant by Governor Curtin of Pennsylvania.
>
> He afterwards farmed in Fulton County until 1869, in Douglas County, Kansas, for eight years, then on the homestead until 1893, when he sold it and removed to Newton Hamilton. A year later he bought

the Berdell Farm of 100 acres in Milford Township, where he has since resided.

He is a Republican, and has been on the school board. He is a member of Wilson Post, Grand Army of the Republic, and of the Juniata Veteran Association" (Commemorative Biographical Encyclopedia of the Juniata Valley ... Pennsylvania, pages 844-845).

He married on December 21, 1865, Mary E. Askin, the daughter of George and Matilda (Morrison) Askin. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, a Sunday School teacher, and a steward.

(1850 Wells Township, Fulton County, census).

1. Elwood: b abt 1867.

2. Myrtle: b abt 1870; a school teacher; m William McWhinney, of Boon Grove, Indiana.

3. Carrie F: b abt 1872.

4. Laura C: b abt 1875; m Foster Gallaher.

5. Alda: b abt 1877.

M.1.2.6

GEORGE A. WILLETT and MARY J. GROVE of Peabody, Marion County, Kansas

George A. Willett was born on March 30, 1846, in Fulton County, Pennsylvania. He married in 1871 Mary J. Grove. They removed to Peabody, Marion County, Kansas. He was a Blackwell, Kansas, about 1908.

1. (daughter): b abt 1875; m H. P. Crego of Mangum, Oklahoma.

2. Will A: b abt 1877; of Topeka, Kansas.

3. (daughter): b abt 1880; married; of Elgin, Kansas.

4. (daughter): b abt 1882; m Albert Thompson; of Hutchinson, Kansas.

5. Charles: b abt 1885; of Oklahoma.

6. Beth: b abt 1887; of Elgin, Kansas.

7. Faye: b abt 1890; of Blackwell, Kansas.

M.2
HENRY WILLETT and REBECCA of Union Township, Adams County, Pennsylvania

Henry Willett was born in 1787 in Pennsylvania. He married about 1820 Rebecca (b 1799 in Pennsylvania). He was a mason in 1850.
(1850 Union Township, Adams County, Pennsylvania, census).

1. Emmanuel: b 1824 in Pennsylvania; a shoemaker. (1850 Union Township, Adams County, Pennsylvania, census).

2. Henry (II): b 1825 in Pennsylvania; m abt 1845 Elizabeth; resided in Union Township, Adams County, Pennsylvania. (1850 Union Township, Adams County, Pennsylvania, census). See next M.2.2.

3. David: b 1837 in Pennsylvania. (1850 Union Township, Adams County, Pennsylvania, census).

4. Mary A: b 1839 in Pennsylvania. (1850 Union Township, Adams County, Pennsylvania, census).

M.2.2
HENRY WILLETT and ELIZABETH of Union Township, Adams County, Pennsylvania

Henry Willett (II) was born in 1825 in Pennsylvania. He married about 1845 Elizabeth; resided in Union Township, Adams County, Pennsylvania. In 1850, Catherine Palmer, age 44, was living with them.
(1850 Union Township, Adams County, Pennsylvania, census).

1. Unias (male): b 1847. (1850 Union Township, Adams County, Pennsylvania, census).

2. Louisa: b 1849. (1850 Union Township, Adams County, Pennsylvania, census).

M.3
JOHN WILLETT and MARY of Union Township, Adams County, Pennsylvania

John Willett was born in 1788 in Pennsylvania. He married about 1820 Mary (b 1796 in Pennsylvania). In 1850, he was a farmer.
(1850 Union Township, Adams County, Pennsylvania, census).

1. Elisabeth: b 1822 in Pennsylvania. (1850 Union Township, Adams County, Pennsylvania, census).

M.4
GEORGE WILLETT and ELIZABETH of Union Township, Adams County, Pennsylvania

George Willett was born in 1794 in Pennsylvania. He married about 1815 Elizabeth (b 1794 in Maryland). In 1850, he was a laborer.
(1850 Union Township, Adams County, Pennsylvania, census).

1. Lucinda: b 1835 in Pennsylvania. (1850 Union Township, Adams County, Pennsylvania, census).

2. George: b 1837 in Pennsylvania. (1850 Union Township, Adams County, Pennsylvania, census).

M.5
WILLIAM WILLETT and MARIA of Union Township, Adams County, Pennsylvania

William Willett was born in 1823 in Pennsylvania. Most likely he is a child of George Willett M.4. He married about 1845 Maria (b 1825 in Maryland).
(1850 Union Township, Adams County, Pennsylvania, census).

1. Cyrus J: b 1847. (1850 Union Township, Adams County, Pennsylvania, census).

2. Susan: b 1850. (1850 Union Township, Adams County, Pennsylvania, census).

M.6
JOHN WILLETT and MARY E. DIMMICK
of Gearhart Township, Northumberland County, Pennsylvania

John Willett was born on February 13, 1822, in Pennsylvania. He married about 1845 Mary E. Dimmick (d December 19, 1891, in Gearhart Township, Northumberland County, Pennsylvania).
(1850, 1860, 1870, Northumberland County, Pennsylvania, census).

1. Helen M: b 1849 in Pennsylvania.

2. David T: b 1851 in Pennsylvania.

3. Christian: b 1854 in Pennsylvania.

4. Adam N: b 1856 in Pennsylvania.

5. Sarah Catherine: b June 22, 1858; m George Young.

6. Margaret Jane: b 1865.

M.7
THOMAS WILLETS of England and Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania

Thomas Willets was born in England about 1820. He married in England about 1840 Sarah Ann Perry (b 1822 in England; d 1884, Pennsylvania).

He was a miner by occupation who was involved in 22 mine gas explosions.

He came to the United States in 1865, and immediately joined the Union Army on President Lincoln's last call for troops.

They settled at Brady's, Armstrong County, Pennsylvania, where he worked in the iron ore mines. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He died in 1885.

(History of Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, Volume II, page 493).

1. John: b abt 1847 in England.

2. Thomas: b abt 1850 in England; died in infancy.

3. Mary Ann: b abt 1853 in England; m Charles Tustin.

4. Eliza: b abt 1855 in England; m Enoch Thomas.

5. Ambrose: b June 5, 1857, in England; m Emma Artman, the daughter of Isreal and Catherine Hartman. See next M.7.5.

6. Tripener: b abt 1860; m Thomas Hodge.

7. Catherine: b abt 1862; died in childhood.

8. William: b abt 1865; d age 22.

9. Enoch: b abt 1867; died in infancy.

M.7.5
AMBROSE WILLETS and EMMA ARTMAN of Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania

Ambrose Willets was born on June 5, 1857, in England. He came to the United States in 1865, when he was eight and he received his education in the night schools of Leechburg, Pennsylvania.

He married abt 1880 Emma Artman (d January 20, 1906), the daughter of Isreal and Catherine Hartman. They resided at New Kensington, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania.

(History of Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, Volume II, page 493).

1. Charles E: b abt 1882; a druggist of Mars, Butler County, Pennsylvania.

2. Mary Effie: b abt 1885; a graduate of Sayres' Business College.

3. E. Homer: b abt 1887; a drug clerk at Charleroi, Pennsylvania.

4. Katie Irene: b abt 1890.

CHAPTER FOURTEEN
RICHARD WILLETS OF NEW AMSTERDAM AND LONG ISLAND

N.1
RICHARD WILLETS and MARY WASHBURNE of Hempstead, Long Island

Richard Willets was born in 1618 in old England. He was baptized in 1619. He may have been a native of Butcombe, county Somerset, England. His parents may (possibly) be John and Elizabeth (Buver) Willets. It is usually stated that he came from Bristol, or some other, west English port. However, he is sometimes mentioned as being from Worchester. This Worchester assumption is based on the fact that his wife Mary Washburne was from Bengeworth, county Worchester, England. The largest known family group that spelled their name Willets lived at Kemerton, county Gloucester, in England. Gloucester is just north of Bristol and county Somerset. A Henry Willetts died in 1591 at Kemerton, a Julyan in 1598, and a Robert in 1639. At his marriage, Richard described himself as of Bristol. Dutch custom would have us believe he was born at Bristol. But one needs to be careful; Richard may have not understood the significance of the question, and described the English port he had departed the "old" world from, instead of answering the question of were he was born. Still, whether or not he is from Gloucester, Bristol, or Somerset, he is most likely from this general area, and hopefully his ancestry will be eventually discovered.

It is thought that Richard Willets left his native England about 1640 (age 22). If he was from Gloucester, he most likely left from Bristol. He sailed to New England were he may have settled at Rhode Island for a brief time. In 1643, he settled at the predominately English settlement at Hempsteede, Long Island, which was under Dutch rule. The Dutch settlement was at New Amsterdam (after 1664, New York) and included at this time, Long Island, and most of the Hudson River Valley with a settlement at Fort Orange (now Albany). The Dutch had granted great landed feudal estates along the Hudson River, particularly on the eastern side of the river, to wealthy Dutch land owners who were in the process of developing their feudal manors. The Dutch at Fort Orange and New Amsterdam were primarily fur traders and governing officials instead of permenant settlers. The great land grants limited the amount of available land that the ordinary settler could obtain and discouraged Dutch settlement, thus keeping the Dutch settlers in a minority. The English encouraged permenant settlement and their plantations in Virginia and New England were rapidly growing and encroaching on Dutch claims. Initially, the Dutch encouraged the English settlers to take up land, such as Richard Willets at Hempsteede, as a means to discourage the ever possible Indian attack.

> "The settlement of Hemsptead, Long Island, began late in 1643 when Robert Fordham, and John Carman made the Indian purchase" (Wardwell, page 112).

Although there is some doubt on this point, Richard Willets may have been one of the original proprietors of Hemsptead, as certainly was his future father-in-law, William Washburne. At any rate, he was one of the earliest settlers at Hempstead. A year later (1644), Hempsteede was a part of a grant by the Dutch Government of New Netherlands to the settlers.

> "This document, known as the Kieft Patent, granted to Robert Fordham, John Strickland, John Odgen, John Carman, John Lawrence, Jonas Wood, and associates, land about a place called the Great Plains, and refers to a certain harbor, now commonly called and known by the name of Hempstead Bay" (Wardwell, page 112).

Richard Willets was among a group that bought the Thorne Farm in 1650. William Thorne had farmed land (at what is now Fort Totten) in the 1640s. Willets Point, now the site of Fort Totten, was named after Richard Willets. After settling here at the Dutch owned Long Island for a few years, Richard Willets married at Hempstead, about 1649 (maybe a little earlier) Mary Washbourne, the daughter of William and Jane Washbourne. Her parents were among the earliest settlers of Hempstead. She had been born in Bengeworth, Worchester, England, in 1629. She died on February 17, 1713. William Washburne and his wife Jane and family had first settled at Strafford, Connecticutt, and then came to Hempstead, Long Island (Hook, page 92). We do not know what prompted Richard Willets to emigrate, but the Washburne family was most likely motivated by their religion. Quakers were everywhere persecuted. And they (the Washburnes) were Quakers. The only two spots in the "new" world which afforded an escape from persecution for a Quaker in the 1640s was at Rhode Island under Roger Williams, and at Long Island under the tolerant Dutch.

In 1657, Richard Willets was present with his mother-in-law, Jane, at the reading of the will of William Washburne. Also, in 1657, Richard Willets is listed as having six gates (i. e., goats), six cattle, six milch cows, and 28 acres of land.

In all probability, Richard Willets was never a Quaker. On April 18, 1658, as an assistant to the Dutch Magistrate, along with Richard Gildersleeve, John Hicks, and Robert Forman, he was connected with the Court that enforced the laws to suppress the spread of Quakerism. On that day, the Court found Mary, the wife of Joseph Scott, and the wife of Francis Weeks, guilty of attending a Quaker meeting, and each was fined 20 guilders and cost.

On March 14, 1658/59, it was ordered by the Court that Richard Willets "shall be an Surveyor of the High Wayes."

On January 16, 1662, Richard was chosen to be one of the Townsmen. Richard Willets died between January 1, and March 24, 1665, at Hempstead. He was 46, and had lived to see New Amsterdam taken by the English fleet of the Duke of York the previous summer. Captain Thomas Willett had been installed as the first English mayor of the newly named New York City. It is very doubtful if any family relationship connected them. However, a third Willett, Thomas Willett of New Amsterdam, had been born in 1620 and died in 1647 in New Amsterdam. It would be unusual if these three men who shared a similar surname did not meet at one time or another on the muddy Dutch streets or in the Great Tavern near the old Dutch City Hall and not at least acknowledge their common bond that they shared in their surname.

By virtue of his life long residence in New Amsterdam he could be considered to be Dutch; however, the English enclaves retained their English heritage and a separate identity, and most likely, Richard Willets considered himself a good Englishman.

The widow MARY (WASHBURNE) WILLETS

A few years after Richard Willets' death his widow, Mary Willets, moved with her children to Jericho (or Lusum, or Springfield, or the Farms, as it was variously called),

one of the hamlets of Oyster Bay, Long Island, New York, some ten miles distant from Hempstead.

On March 24, 1666/67, she sold unto Joseph Williams of Hempstead the home lot and house next to the lot of Joseph Langdon on the north side of it, "the said home lot and housing I did lately dwell in."

She brought a portion of her brother-in-law's, Robert Williams, Oyster Bay patent, or purchase, and settled at Jericho where she and her children resided the rest of their lives. She was among the earliest converts to the Quaker preaching of George Fox. Perhaps this was just a natural lean towards the faith of her own family. Early in the history of the Quaker movement, she became identified with that Society, and was a minister and held meetings at her own house in Jericho as early as 1678.

Since falling to the English, Quakerism was less tolerated. The Anglican Church sought to establish its position as the state church. Mary Willets suffered distraint of property at the hands of the authorities on account of her non-payment of Minister's Church Rates.

> "There was less persecution of Friends in Oyster Bay than in some of the neighboring towns, and a meeting was settled there in 1659, and prospered. A half meeting existed as early as 1671, and George Fox, himself, preached there in 1672. A rock is still shown in the woods, on which he stood to address a multitude too large for any house to hold. In 1691, Oyster Bay Meeting included all Friends in Long Island, and New York, and as such, sent representatives to the general meeting at Newport, Rhode Island.
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> As early as 1678, Mary Willets, widow of Richard, a mother in Isreal, had opened her house in Jericho for meetings and entertainment of travelling Friends. She, and her daughter-in-law, Abigail (who was left a widow early in 1703), suffered much in the distraint of their goods, for conscience sake. In 1703, a constable came to their houses and demanded 10 shillings for the priest who should be sent from England to Hempstead; and on their refusal, took from Mary ten and a half yards of linen, worth 31 shillings, 6 pennies. And then going to Abigail's chamber, took nine and a half bushels of wheat, worth 38 shillings.
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> In 1705, another constable took from Mary and from Abigail's chamber what he pleased for John Thomas, the priest, how much neither knew, both being absent at meeting. In 1705, the collector demanded of Abigail 21 shillings 6 pence, and then going in the yard took five wethers, worth 50 shillings, and on demand from Mary of 12 shillings took her two pairs of new shoes and two platters, worth 25 shillings. Again a constable on demand of money for the priest, John Thomas, went into Mary's inner room and got her keys and opened her chest and took what money he chose, and going to Abigail's did the like.
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> In 1707, when Mary was counting money to pay a tax bill, the collector pulled out a bill for the priest's worship house, and seized what money he pleased, and then went to Abigail's house and searched for money and took, she knew not how much."

At her death, on February 17, 1713, she was described as:

"widow, Mary Willits, of Jericho, age near 85 years, an ancient and worthy minister in the Church of Christ. She received the blessed truth in early days and bore a public testimony in meetings, and continued faithful to the end of her days."

(Bookstaver, page 82-83; Cornell, pages 238-239; Hook, pages 91-93; Wardwell, pages 112-113; and Willits, pages 56-60).

1. Thomas: b May, 1650, at Hempstead, Long Island, New Netherlands; m abt 1670 Dinah Townsend; d 1719. See next N.1.1.

2. Hope: b September, 1652, at Hempstead, Long Island, New Netherlands; m Mary (Mercy) Langdon; d 1703. See next N.1.2.

3. John: b July, 1655; m Margaret Hallock, daughter of John and Abigail Hallock, of Brookline; removed to Cape May, Cape May County, New Jersey; no issue; d 1703.

4. Richard: b December 25, 1660, at Hempstead, Long Island, New Netherlands; m 1st March 25, 1686, Abigail Bowne; m 2d May 15, 1690, Abigail Powell; d May 14, 1703. See next N.1.4.

5. Mary: b April, 1663, Hempstead, Long Island, New Netherlands; m September 7, 1686/87, John Fry (II), the son of John and Francis Fry; John Fry had come from England to Long Island in 1686; a little later he removed to New Jersey; d 1687.

1. John Fry (III): b 1687; d October 19, 1711.

N.1.1
THOMAS WILLETS and DINAH TOWNSEND
of Jericho and Oyster Bay, Long Island, New York

Thomas Willets was born in May (3rd month), 1650, at the (then) Dutch village of Hemsteede (Hempstead), Long Island. This made Thomas Willets a Dutchman; however, the settlement at Hempstead was basically an English enclave and he probably never considered himself Dutch. He was the eldest son of "Bristol" Richard Willets, and the only child that lived beyond 1703.

His father was not a Quaker; but he was orphaned when a teenager, and his mother was inclined to the Quaker faith. After his father's death, his mother became an active member of the Quaker religion.

Thomas Willets married, about 1670, Dinah Townsend (b 1651 at Warwick, Kent County, Rhode Island; d December 18, 1732, at Islip, Long Island), a daughter of Richard and Deliverance (Cole) Townsend.

Thomas and Dinah lived in an exciting age. In 1665, the English fleet came into New Amsterdam harbor and demanded that the Dutch Governor, Peter Stuyvesant, surrender the colony to the English. After consulting with Captain Thomas Willett (no known relation to this Thomas who was 15 at the time), Governor Stuyvesant surrendered. Captain Thomas Willett became the first English mayor of the renamed village of New York. The war continued until July, 1667, and ended in a five year truce.

The Dutch returned at the end of the truce in 1672 recaptured New York, but held it for less than the two year war. From now on Thomas Willets would be a an Englishman.

In 1673, Thomas bought land at Jericho from Robert Williams. Jericho was inland between the bayside and seaside.

> "It is probable that his nine children were born in Jericho, and his name often appears on the town records of Oyster Bay. As he did not become active in the Quaker Church until after 1691, we have no baptisms for any of his children and the birth years, shown have been estimated" (Wardwell, pages 112-114).

> "Probably the most notable incident in the family of Thomas was the marriage of his four sons, viz: Richard, Thomas, Amos, and Isaac, who married first four sisters, viz: Sarah, Catherine, Mary, and Clement Hallock, the daughters of John and Abigail Hallock of Brookhaven, Long Island. After the death of Richards' 2d wife, he married Margaret Powell, a widow, who was born Margaret Hallock, and who was a sister to his 1st wife, finally completing the marriage of four brothers to five sisters" (Bartlett, page 63).

Thomas moved across Long Island to the seaside Secatague (Secuatague, and later known as Islip), Suffolk County, Long Island, where he died on June 15, 1714, in his 65th year. According to his son's Bible record, his widow, Dinah, died at Secatague on the 18th of the 10th month (December), 1732, at the age of 81 years.

(Bartlett, pages 61-63; Bookstaver, pages 83-84; Bunker, page 74; Hook, pages 93-95; Wardwell, pages 112-114).

1. Mary: b 1671 at Jericho, Long Island; m at Bethpage, Long Island, on September 6, 1691, Major Thomas Powell (d November 27, 1731), the son of Thomas Powell of Bethage, Nassau County, Long Island; d November 27, 1731. See next N.1.1.1.

2. Elizabeth: b 1673 at Jericho, Nassau County, Long Island; m 1695 John Underhill, the son of John and Mary (Prior) Underhill, and brother of Samuel who married her sister Hannah; d May 13, 1713.

    1. Daniel Underhill: b 1700.

    2. Amos Underhill b abt 1702.

    3. Isaac Underhill: b abt 1705; d 1723.

    4. Deborah Underhill: b abt 1707.

    5. Mary Underhill: b abt 1710.

    6. Thomas Underhill: b abt 1712.

3. Hannah: b 1676 at Jericho; m February 28, 1700 Samuel Underhill (b 1685), the son of John and Mary (Prior) Underhill, and brother of John who married her sister Elizabeth; d January 1, 1753. (Bookstaver, page 85).

1. Hannah (Anne) Underhill: b 1702.

2. Dinah Underhill: b 1705; m abt 1720 John Browne.

3. Samuel Underhill: b 1708; m abt 1730 Anne Carpenter.

4. Abraham Underhill: b 1715.

4. Sarah: b 1678 at Jericho.

5. Richard: b 1680 at Jericho; m 1st Sarah Hallock; m 2d on September 16, 1706, Mrs. Deborah (Underhill) Coles; m 3d Margaret (Hallock) Powell, widow; d April 13, 1753. See next N.1.1.5.

6. Thomas: b March 16, 1682; m 1st October 24, 1706, Catherine Hallock; m 2d 1719 Rachel Powell, the daughter of Thomas Powell; d 1772. See next N.1.1.6.

7. Amos: b 1685 at Jericho, Nassau County, New York; m 1st 1713 Mary Hallock; m 2d Rebecca Whitson; d 1748 at Syosset. See next N.1.1.7.

8. Isaac: b 1688 at Jericho; m 1716 Clemence Hallock; d August 29, 1736. See next N.1.1.8.

9. Dinah: b 1690 at Jericho; m 1714 William Hallock; d 1765.

N.1.1.1
MARY WILLETS and THOMAS POWELL of Bethpage, Long Island, New York

Mary Willets was born in 1671 at Jericho, Long Island. She married at Bethpage, Long Island, on September 6, 1691, Major Thomas Powell (d November 27, 1731), the son of Thomas Powell of Bethage, Nassau County, Long Island.

Mary (Willets) Powell died on November 27, 1731.

1. Thomas Powell: b July 30, 1693; d March 1, 1757.

2. Mary Powell: b January 4, 1694; d April, 1695.

3. Abigail Powell: b February 13, 1695.

4. Mary Powell: b May 16, 1697; d May 2, 1776.

5. Wait Powell: b November 29, 1698; d 1787.

6. Amos Powell: b July 9, 1700; d January 14, 1749.

7. Moses Powell: b July 4, 1702; d 1774.

8. Richard Powell: b July 17, 1704; d March 7, 1774.

9. Elizabeth Powell: b December 11, 1705.

10. Hannah Powell: b September 18, 1707; d 1790.

11. Joshua Powell: b July 18, 1709.

12. Isaac Powell: b July, 1711; d 1794.

13. Martha Powell: b August 29, 1713; d May 24, 1773.

14. Deborah Powell: b December 28, 1715.

N.1.1.5
RICHARD WILLETS (II) of Islip, Suffolk County, Long Island

Richard Willets was born in 1680 at Jericho, Long Island. He was a farmer and a blacksmith who lived most of his life in Secatague (later known as Islip), Suffolk County, Long Island.

About 1700, Richard Willets married, as his 1st wife, Sarah Hallock. She must have died soon afterwards. On September 12, 1706, Richard Willets married, as his second wife, Mrs. Deborah (Underhill) Coles, widow of Robert Coles, and the daughter of John and Mary (Prior) Underhill. She bore him nine children and died on May 18, 1739, at Secatague (Islip), Long Island.

Richard followed the Quaker faith (as did all three of his wives).

Richard married, as his 3rd wife, on July 1st, 1740, Mrs. Margaret (Hallock) Powell (b 1682; d April 24, 1769), the daughter of John and Abigail (Swezey) Hallock of Brookhaven, and the widow of John Powell, and the sister of his first wife, Sarah Hallock. Clement Willets says of her Aunt Margaret (Hallock, Powell) Willets:

> "She was I think a mother in Isreal. I lived with her more than two years, and the meeting was kept at her house and she often appeared very ably therein, I thought she was the wisest woman I ever lived with" (Bunker, page 84).

> "Will of Richard Willets, dated March 19, 1750; probated October 3, 1753: bequests to his daughter Deborah;
> to: sons, Richard, Daniel, and Jacob;
> to: his daughter-in-law Mary Wood, and Sarah Powell (the last two are in reality his stepdaughters: the 1st, Mary Coles, was born on the 11th, 2d month, 1702, and married Joseph Wood in 1724 or earlier; the altter, Sarah Powell was unmarried in 1750 when Richard made his will" (Wardwell, page 115).

(Bookstaver, page 84; Bunker, page 84; Wardwell, page 115).

1. Sarah: b June (4th month) 22, 1707, at Islip, Suffolk County, Long Island; m 1730 William Kirby; d before April 13, 1753. (Bookstaver, page 87).

1. Willett Kirby: b abt 1733; m Hannah Titus.

2. Thomas: b January 24, 1710, at Islip, Suffolk County, Long Island; d April (2d month) 4, 1750; unmarried.

3. Richard: b April (2d month) 11, 1712, at Islip, Suffolk County, Long Island; m August 25, 1738, Hannah Strong, the daughter of Selah and Hannah Strong; d after 1750. See next N.1.1.5.3.

4. Jacob: b 1716, at Islip, Suffolk County, Long Island; d December 2, 1716.

5. Daniel (twin): b October (8th month) 14, 1718, at Islip, Suffolk County, Long Island; m 1st February 3, 1743, Phebe Carpenter (d 1744), the daughter of Joseph Carpenter, and great granddaughter of Captain Thomas Willett of Plymouth; m 2d January 5, 1745/46, Amy Powell, the daughter of John and Margaret Powell. See next N.1.1.5.5.

6. Jacob (twin): b October 14, 1718, at Islip, Suffolk County, Long Island; d after 1750.

7. Deborah: b August 24, 1720, at Islip, Suffolk County, Long Island; m May 29, 1738, David Willets (N.1.1.8.1), her first cousin, and the son of Isaac and Clemence (Hallock) Willets; d March 29, 1814, age 94.

8. Phebe: b December (10th month) 12, 1722, at Islip, Suffolk County, Long Island; probably died before 1750.

9. Jane: b 1724, at Islip, Suffolk County, Long Island; probably died before 1750.

N.1.1.5.3

RICHARD WILLETS (III) and HANNAH STRONG of Islip, Suffolk County, Long Island

Richard Willets was born on April (2d month) 11, 1712, at Islip, Suffolk County, Long Island. He probably settled here also. He married on August 25, 1738, Hannah Strong, the daughter of Selah and Hannah Strong. He died after 1750.
(Bookstaver, pages 86-87; Bunker, page 84; Wardwell, pages 113-114).

1. Samuel: b 1740; d 1768.

2. Deborah: b abt 1742; m 1774 Andrew Underhill. (Bookstaver, page 90).

1. Samuel Underhill: b abt 1776.

2. Elizabeth Underhill: b abt 1778.

3. Ann Underhill: b 1780.

3. Ann: b abt 1745; m Samuel Underhill. (Bookstaver, page 90).

1. Richard Underhill: b abt 1770.

2. Hannah Underhill: b abt 1772.

3. Robert Underhill:

4. Mary Underhill:

5. Joseph Underhill:

6. Anna Underhill: m William Willis.

4. Isaac: b abt 1747.

5. Hannah: b abt 1750.

N.1.1.5.5
DANIEL WILLETS of Islip, Suffolk County, Long Island

Daniel Willets was born on October (8th month) 14, 1718, (a twin), at Islip, Suffolk County, Long Island. He married 1st February 3, 1743, Phebe Carpenter (d 1744), the daughter of Joseph Carpenter and Mary Willett (A.1.4.12.2), and great granddaughter of Captain Thomas Willett (A.1.4) of Plymouth.

He married 2d January 5, 1745/46, Amy Powell, the daughter of John and Margaret Powell.

(Bookstaver, page 86; Bunker, page 84; Wardwell, pages 113-114).

1. Jacob: b 1743; m 1st 1766 Hannah Powell, the daughter of Joshua Powell; m 2d Catherine (Seaman) Powell, widow. See next N.1.1.5.5.1.

2. Joshua: b abt 1745; m Catherine Powell.

3. Phoebe: b December 14, 1746; m Adonijah Underhill.

4. Charity: b abt 1747, unmarried.

N.1.1.5.5.1
JACOB WILLETS of Islip, Suffolk County, Long Island

Jacob Willets was born in 1743, probably at Islip, Suffolk County, Long Island. He married 1st 1766 Hannah Powell, the daughter of Joshua Powell.

He married 2d Catherine (Seaman) Powell, widow.

(Bookstaver, page 89; Bunker, page 84; Wardwell, pages 113-114).

1. Daniel: b abt 1768; m abt 1790 Kitty Smith, the daughter of Henry Smith. See next N.1.1.5.5.1.1.

2. Joshua: b abt 1770; m abt 1790 Phebe Hicks, the daughter of Elias Hicks; no issue.

3. Richard: b abt 1772; unmarried.

4. Phebe: b abt 1775; m Elijah Seaman.

    1. Avis Seaman: m James Ferris Birdsall. (Pelletreau, page 326).

5. Ann: b abt 1777; m 1804 Thomas Whitson, the son of Henry Whitson.

6. Rebecca: b and d 1778.

N.1.1.5.5.1.1
DANIEL WILLETS and KITTY SMITH

Daniel Willets was born about 1768. He married about 1790 Kitty Smith, the daughter of Henry Smith.
(Bookstaver, page 96; Bunker, page 85; Wardwell, pages 113-114).

1. Hannah: b abt 1792; m Richard Udall.

2. Jacob: b abt 1795.

N.1.1.6
The Quaker THOMAS WILLETS
of Sectague, Suffolk County, New York, and Berks County, Pennsylvania

Thomas Willets was born on March 16 (or 11), 1683, at Nassau County, Long Island, New York. He was raised in the Quaker faith.

He married 1st on October 24, 1706, at the residence of her parents, John and Abigail (Swezey) Hallock in Brookhaven, Catherine Hallock (b 1684 at Southold, Long Island; d 1718). Catherine died in 1718.

In 1719, Thomas Willets married 2d at the Westover Monthly Meeting in Queens County (now Nassau County) Rachel Powell, the daughter of Thomas Powell of Bethpage and his 2d wife Elizabeth (Phillips) Powell. They resided at Sectague (later Islip), Suffolk County, Long Island until 1736. Thomas Willets was 54 and the land beyond the mountains was beginning to be opened up to white settlers. At this time, the settled portion of the colonies stopped at the mountains; that great stretch of Appalachian Mountains which formed a barrier to westward expansion.

In 1736, Thomas Willets left the comfort of Islip with his wife, Rachel, and their 7 children and settled at Oley Township, Philadelphi County (now Berks County), Pennsylvania. A little later, he moved further westward to the vincity of Lebanon, Lebanon County, Pennsylvania. Here they settled for a while on the Piedmont Plateau at the foot of the Blue Mountains. The Quaker Monthly Meeting was at North Wales in present day Montgomery County, just north of Philadelphi.

> "On August 25, 1736, Rachel received a certificate to the meeting in North Wales, Pennsylvania" (Wardwell, page 116).

> "Sometime in the 1740s they removed to Maiden Creek Valley, where we find them established in the spring of 1747. But they were not to remain in that Quaker settlement for more than a few years, but desirous of pushing ever farther into the Pennsylvania wilderness to found a new home" (Eshelman, page 8).

> On August 22, 1749, "Most of the land now included in Schuykill County, formerly within the boundaries of Berks County, was conveyed by the various Indian owners to the Propietaries of Pennsylvania with a deed. In March, 1750, the land of this New Purchase over the Blue Mountains on the Schuykill River were opened to settlement" (Bartlett, page 40).

> "In the year 1750, they (the Thomas Willets family) removed into what was then called the New Purchase, locating in the Blue Mountains area, taking up land beyond the First Ridge of mountains off the Schuykill" (Eshelman, page 14).

Thomas Willets began to spell his name Willits, and all of his descendents followed this practice. Thomas' 3 brothers, Richard, Amos, and Isaac, consisently spelled their name Willets.

It was testified later, during a court dispute, that the Thomas Willits family of Quakers, previously of Maiden Valley, were the first settlers in the area. Thus they had

continually moved ahead of the settled areas of the frontier. Now they were in the mountains between the Susequehanna River and the head waters of the Schuylkill River.

All of this living at the edge of the frontier was having its effect on the religious life of the Willets family. New attitudes were beginning to replace those that they shared with the settled Quakers in the safe environment of life in a Long Island community.

> "In 1747 (or 1748), "The Willits family conflicts with Quaker practices (began). Thomas' daughter, Rachel, was disowned for her marriage to John Webb, Jr., by a non-Quaker magistrate, which was contrary to discipline.
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> A few years later, his daughter, Jemima, was disowned, possibly for the same reason, but was reinstated by request in 1757.
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> In 1755, Thomas, son of Isaiah, married, also contrary to discipline, Susanna Boone, a first cousin of the pioneer explorer, Daniel Boone, and were disowned by Exeter Meetings in 1756 and 1757.
>
> Thomas' sons, John and Isaac, joined the militia to fight the Indians, a violation of Quaker beliefs, and were disowned by Exeter Meetings, John in October, 1756, and Isaac in January, 1757" (Bartlett, page 40).

The warfare that plagued the European powers had its effect on the edge of the colonial American frontier. On October 16, 1755, the First Indian War began. (It is also called the French and Indian War, or Queen Anne's War). The Willits family were living in their wilderness plantation beyond Maiden Valley, Berks County, over the Blue Mountains when the war began.

> "They remained until the First Indian War, which began on October 16th, 1755, when they were compelled to leave their plantations as the Indian massacres and raids became too violent to remain ... The Willits family and their neighbors were forced to flee to Maiden Valley" (Bartlett, page 72).
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> "After returning for a period, they were forced to flee and remain in the Maiden Creek Valley" (Bartlett, page 72).

The Quaker Exeter Monthly Meeting made note on September 29, 1757, of "those who have left their plantations on account of Indian enemies" (these included) "Thomas Willits and wife, both ancient." The incessant warfare left Thomas in dire straits. The Quaker Monthly Meeting advanced Rachel funds of £ 5 on May 31, 1789, and 20 Shillings on November 29,1759.

Whatever, the beliefs of his children were, Thomas Willets remained a Quaker. He was nearly 80 now, and between the Indian threat, poverty, and advancing age, longed to visit his family in Long Island. Being the type of man who would plunge into an unknown frontier, the idea of a journey by an 80 year old man across the mountains to Philadelphi, then across the state of New Jersey, or by boat around New Jersey to New York, seemed only natural.

> "In October 1761, Thomas and Rachel were granted a certificate to visit Westbury Meeting on Long Island. After remaining there for the winter, they returned to Exeter Meeting in April, 1762" (Bartlett, page 42).

According to the journal of Clement Willits, of Long Island, eldest child of Thomas by his first wife, "her father was still living in 1772, still able to attend Meeting three miles from his home and work in his garden." He was then in his ninetieth year. Records show that many of Thomas' children and grandchildren continue to live in the Blue Mountain area stretching from York and Adams Counties on the west, to Berks and Schuylkill Counties on the east. Rachel died (possibly) in the late summer of 1793 (or later); she had survived until at least her 96th year and 7th month.

(Bartlett, pages 69, 175ff; Bookstaver, page 84; Bunker, pages 85-86; Hook, pages 93-94; Wardwell, page 116).

1. Clement: b September 15, 1709, at Islip, Long Island, New York; unmarried; d June 5, 1772, "after being continued to her bed with rheumatism 39 years. For 20 years she could not see her hand; she died at Thomas Jackson's house in Jericho; was buried at Westbury. The record of her life, painful as it is, is also very interesting" (Bunker, page 85).

2. Hannah: b December (10th month) 6, 1711, at Islip, Long Island, New York; m February 3, 1741, Thomas Seaman (b April 11, 1713; d January 13, 1804, at Westbury, Long Island), the son of Nathaniel and Rachel (Willis) Seaman; d September 23, 1755; buried at Westbury, Long Island. (Bartlett, pages 175-177).

1. Simon Seaman: b October 31, 1743; d April 9, 1751.

2. Gideon Seaman: b December 5, 1745; m August 1, 1770, Elizabeth Keese.

3. Anna Seaman: b February 25, 1747, on Long Island; m August 1, 1770, Fry Willis, the son of Samuel and Mary (Fry) Willis.

4. Hannah Seaman: b October 3, 1749; m abt 1770 William Jackson.

5. Rachel Seaman: b May 30, 1750; m March 5, 1783, Jacob Smith.

6. Phebe Seaman: b May 5 (or 9), 1755; m abt 1775 John Loines (d 1823); d 1843. Their son, Simeon Liones (b September 2, 1783) married Martha Willits (Bartlett, page 177).

3. Jesse: b February 19, 1714, at Islip, Long Island; m at Long Island 1751 Elizabeth; d 1782; his estate was administered on March 28, 1782, in Berks County, Pennsylvania. See next N.1.1.6.3.

4. Amy: b December 16, 1716; m June 1, 1738, at the Exeter Monthly Meeting, Pennsylvania, William Hughes (b December 18, 1716; d 1760), the son of Ellis and Jane (Cooke or Foulke?) Hughes; d 1760. (Bartlett, page 178-181; Bookstaver, page 86).

1. Ellis Hughes: b January 13, 1739, in Berks County; m January 11, 1764, Hannah Yarnell (b January 1, 1747; d April 1, 1816, in Baltimore, Maryland); d October 6, 1785.

2. Amy Hughes: b July 13, 1740; m abt 1760 Moses Roberts; d April 26, 1807.

3. Job Hughes: b July 15, 1741; m 1st before June, 1769, in Berks County, Pennsylvania, Esther Wright; m 2d at the Exeter Meeting on May 16, 1776, Eleanor Lee, his 2d cousin; d April 26, 1807; buried at Fishing Creek Meeting in Pennsylvania.

4. Thomas Hughes: b June 25, 1742.

5. Amy Hughes: b January 7, 1754; d October 5, 1826.

5. John: b 1718 at Islip, Nassau County, Long Island, New York; came to Pennsylvania with his father about 1737; d March 1, 1769, in Brunswick Township, Berks (now Schuylkill) County, Pennsylvania. See next N.1.1.6.5.

6. Rachel: b abt 1720 at Islip; received her certificate on August 25, 1736, from the Westbury Monthly Meeting, Long Island, to North Wales Monthly Meeting, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania; m in Berks County, February,1748, John Webb, Jr., the son of John and Mary (Boone) Webb, Sr., by a non-Quaker magistrate and was disowned by the Monthly Meeting on February 25, 1747/48. (Bartlett, pages 182-183).

1. Isaiah Webb: b July 16, 1749; d October 22, 1750.

2. George Webb: b May 5, 1751; m Hannah Clayton.

3. Sarah Webb: b July 1, 1753.

4. Isaac Webb: b August 21, 1755; m Ann Clayton.

5. Job Webb: b October 15, 1757.

6. Ann Webb: b January 15, 1760.

7. Phebe Webb: b August 13, 1762; m 1782 Miller.

8. Thomas Webb: b December 21, 1764.

9. Rachel Webb: b March 21, 1767; m abt 1785 James Potter.

10. John Webb: b October 12, 1769.

7. Elizabeth: b 1725 at Islip, Long Island; m June 10, 1747, at Maiden Creek, Berks County, Pennsylvania, Samuel Hughes (b March 10, 1722; d July 8, 1796, in Berks County, Pennsylvania), the son of Ellis and Jane (Foulke) Hughes; d December 12, 1753. Samuel Hughes married 2d 1755 Margaret Way.

1. Rachel Hughes: January 28, 1748; m John Willets (b December 23, 1748; d 7-11-1826, at Sandy Creek, (West) Virginia, the son of Henry and Sarah Lee Willets. See next N.1.2.1.6.2.

2. William Hughes: b January 30, 1750, in Berks County; m June 9, 1774, Mary Cleaver, the daughter of Derrick Cleaver and Mary Potts.

3. Jesse Hughes: b August 3, 1752.

8. Isaac: b 1730, at Old Westbury, Long Island, New York; m abt 1761 Elizabeth; d October, 1784 in Catawissa, Northumberland County, Pennsylvania. See next N.1.1.6.8.

9. Jemima: b 1731 possibly at Islip, but also reported as at Berks County, Pennsylvania; m January (or February), 1751, John Green (b 1725/26; d 1793 in Iredell County, North Carolina; will dated May 30, 1793). On April 25, 1751, Jemima was disowned from the Quaker Meeting for this marriage. On October 27, 1757, she asked to be reinstated. Sometime around April 30, 1766, the Green's moved to Virgina. Jemimia (Willets) Green died after 1808 near Harmony, Iredell County, North Carolina.

1. Thomas Green: b 1753 near Schuylkill Haven, Berks County (now Schuylkill) County, Pennsylvania; m Margaret; d October 10, 1853, in Montgomery County, Maryland.

2. Isaac Green: b 1755, near Schuylkill Haven; moved to Iredell County, North Carolina; had Revolutionary War service; d before 1841.

3. Dianna Green: b 1757 in Pennsylvania; d before May 30, 1793.

4. Martha Green: b 1763 in Pennsylvania; m May 12, 1785, George Reed.

5. William Green: b 1766 in Montgomery (now Frederick) County, Maryland; m abt 1790 Cecilia Lewman (Looman).

10. Isaiah: b December 12, 1733, at Secatague, Long Island; m in Berks County, Pennsylvania, on October 23, 1755, Susannah Boone; d September 13, 1793. See next N.1.1.6.10.

N.1.1.6.3
JESSE WILLITS and ELIZABETH of Berks County, Pennsylvania

Jesse Willits was born on April 19, 1714, at Secatague, Long island, New York. Jesse was raised in the Quaker faith. He was still living on Long Island in 1751, when he married Elizabeth. They removed from the Westbury Monthly Meeting, Long Island, in 1762, and settled in Berks County, Pennsylvania, as members of the Exeter Monthly Meeting.

> "June 30, 1763: Willits, Jesse: and children, received on certificate from Westbury Monthly Meeting, dated May 11, 1763."

Jesse Willits died in 1782 at Brunswick Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania. His estate was administered on March 28, 1782.

(Bartlett, pages 177-178; Bookstaver, page 86; Bunker, page 85; Wardwell, pages 113-114).

1. Richard: b April 25, 1753, at Long Island, New York; m July 27, 1776, Barbara Prough (b September 16, 1757; d Feburary 10, 1832); in 1798, lived in Catawissa County (now Columbia County), Pennsylvania; d June 27, 1827. See next N.1.1.6.3.1.

2. Martha: b September 16, 1755, at Long Island, New York.

N.1.1.6.3.1
RICHARD WILLITS and BARBARA PROUGH
of Berks County, Pennsylvania, and Monroe Township, Logan County, Ohio

Richard Willits was born April 25, 1753, at Secatague, Long Island, New York. In 1762, when he was about 10, his father moved to Berks County, Pennsylvania.

He married at Brunswick Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania, on July 27, 1776, Barbara Prough (b September 16, 1757; d Feburary 10, 1832). Richard Willits administered the estate of Jesse Willits in 1782.

Perhaps, the Revolutionary War gave him cause to move further inland, away from the conflict. As a Quaker, all war was unjust and unconsciousable. At some point, Richard Willits began to move his family further westward.

This may be the Richard Willits of Catawissa Township who purchased land from Samuel Boone and wife Eleanor of Fishing Creek on November 18, 1793. The land was in Catawissa Township (The Boone Family, Spraker, page 88).

In 1798, they had moved to Catawissa County (now Columbia County), Pennsylvania. Evidently, about 1805, the whole family began the westward trek across the Alleghany Mountains into the unsettled wilderness; possibly they settled for a while in Fairfield County, Ohio; in 1816 they settled permenantly at Monroe Township, Logan County, Ohio. It may seem strange to us, but "the area was overrun with wild animals and Indians in those days" (Logan County History, 1982, page 471).

Jesse Willits died on June 29, 1827, in Monroe Township, Logan County, Ohio, and is buried in the Mount Tabor Cemetery, Logan County, Ohio.

1. Hannah: b April 23, 1779, in Brunswick Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania; m 1st in Fairfield County, Ohio, on December 20, 1803, William Mayes; m 2d March 26, 1833, in Henry County, Indiana, Samuel Willits; d October 10, 1847, in Henry County, Indiana; buried in the Old Knightown Cemetery, Henry County, Ohio. See next N.1.1.6.8.3.

1. Mahala Mayes: b 1815 in Ohio; m 1st March 5, 1829, in Indiana, Cyrus Willits; m 2d in Indiana, John Tyler.

2. Elizabeth: b January 20, 1782, Brunswick Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania.

3. Isaac: b September 16, 1784, in Brunswick Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania; unmarried; d June 30, 1842, in Union County, Ohio; buried in the Mount Tabor Cemetery, Salem Township, Champaign County, Ohio.

4. Jesse: b June 9, 1787, in Berks County, Pennsylvania; m in Fairfield County, Ohio, Nancy Golsbury. In 1811, Jesse Willits had a land claim in Fairfield County, Ohio. He was living in Monroe Township, Logan County, Ohio, in 1818, and 1820.

5. Susannah: b May 5, 1790, in Pennsylvania; m at Tarleton, Pickaway County, Ohio, on October 13, 1814, Robert Field; buried in the Burnside Cemetery, Union County, Ohio.

1. Barbara Field: b May 16, 1816, in Logan County, Ohio; m in Logan County, Ohio, on January 16, 1840, John H. Bossart (b October 7, 1804, in (West) Virginia; d April 28, 1873); d August 7, 1885, in Union County, Ohio.

2. Jonathan Comly Field: b October 25, 1817, in Logan County, Ohio; m February 18, 1841, Elizabeth Atha (b March 28, 1822; d June 18, 1903) at Logan County, Ohio; d December 17, 1907. Jonathan Field is the ancestor of Marie Weisbrod.

3. Lucinda Ann Field: b October 7, 1821, in Logan County, Ohio; m April 8, 1837, Nathan Henning; d March 18, 1882, in Sullivan County, Missouri. Lucinda Fields is the ancestor of Virginia Jansen.

4. Thomas Jefferson Field: b 1822, in Monroe Township, Logan County, Ohio; m August 28, 1845, Nancy Atha; d April 25, 1900, in Jackson Township, Union County, Ohio.

5. Andrew Jackson Field: b 1827, in Monroe Township, Logan County, Ohio; m 1st October 13, 1849, Lucy McIntosch; m 2d May 8, 1858, Ellen Lingrell; d September 17, 1902, in Union County, Ohio.

6. Charlotte Field: b 1829, in Monroe Township, Logan County, Ohio; m in Union County, Ohio, on November 18, 1847, Stephen Dysert (b 1826); they removed to Minnesota.

7. Robert Field: b February, 1833, in Monroe Township, Logan County, Ohio; m in Union County, Ohio, on October 2, 1859, Eliza Davis; d July 21, 1903; buried in the Burnside Cemetery, Arbela.

6. Mary (Polly): b October 4, 1792; m in Champaign County, Ohio, on February 19, 1817, John Hanson (or Shaffer? Or Shaffer could possibly be a 2d marriage).

7. Sarah: b February 12, 1796, in Catawissa, Northumberland County, Pennsylvania.

8. Thomas: b March 15, 1799, in Pennsylvania; m at Logan County, Ohio, May 16, 1828, Mary Ann Stuart; d July 21, 1854, buried in the Mount Tabor Cemetery, Logan County, Ohio. See next N.1.1.6.3.1.8

9. Rachel: b January 5, 1802, in Logan County, Ohio; m March 23, 1821, Joshua Robinson; d February 18, 1832, in Logan County, Ohio; buried at Mount Tabor Cemetery, Champaign County, Ohio.

1. William Robinson: b July 16, 1824; d October 27, 1906.

2. Richard Robinson: b 1829; d April, 1831.

10. Charles: b October 1, 1805, in Fairfield County, Ohio; m April 16, 1829, Elizabeth Jones (b April, 1807; d 1892), in Logan County, Ohio; d October 13, 1874. See next N.1.1.6.3.1.10.

N.1.1.6.3.1.8
THOMAS WILLITS and MARY ANN STUART of Logan County, Ohio

Thomas Willits was born on March 15, 1799, in Northumberland County, Pennsylvania. His father moved to Logan County, Ohio, when he was about 5. He married in Monroe Township, Logan County, Ohio, on May 16, 1828, Mary Ann Stuart. He died July 21, 1854, and is buried in the Mount Tabor Cemetery, Salem Township, Champaign County, Ohio.

1. Susanna: b 1828 in Logan County, Ohio; d December 18, 1831.

2. Mahala: b 1829; m abt 1849 Donald; d after 1853.

3. Mary: b 1831 in Logan County, Ohio; d after 1853.

4. Richard S: b February 6, 1833, in Logan County, Ohio; m 1st January 3, 1856, 1850 Lydia A. Short (b 1833; d 1868); m 2d August 25, 1869, Jane K. Dill; d November 19, 1900. See next N.1.1.6.3.1.8.4.

5. Levi M. (twin): b August 10, 1835, in Logan County, Ohio; m abt 1868 Bella Berger. See next N.1.1.6.3.1.8.5.

6. infant (twin): August 10, 1835; died young.

7. Anna: b 1837; d after 1853.

8. Isaac: b 1838 in Logan County, Ohio; m in Logan County, Ohio, October 3, 1859, Harriet A. Williams. See next N.1.1.6.3.1.8.8.

9. Barbara: b March, 1842; d May 13, 1847; buried in the Mount Tabor Cemetery.

10. Pheraby M: b November 16, 1845, in Logan County, Ohio; d November 16, 1849; buried in the Mount Tabor Cemetery.

N.1.1.6.3.1.8.4
RICHARD S. WILLITS of Logan County, Ohio

Richard S. Willits was born on February 6, 1833, in Logan County, Ohio. He married 1st in Logan County, Ohio, on January 3, 1856, Lydia A. Short (b 1833; d October 21, 1868). He married 2d on August 25, 1869, Jane K. Dill (b 1850; d 1900). He died November 19, 1900.

1. Jane: b May 17, 1850; d February 14, 1900.

2. Louis: b 1857.

3. Henryetta: b 1859.

4. Mary Bell: b 1861.

5. Jennie: b 1867.

N.1.1.6.3.1.8.5
LEVI M. WILLITS and BELLA BERGER of Logan County, Ohio

Levi M. Willits was born on August 10, 1835, in Monroe Township, Logan County, Ohio. His twin died soon after birth. He married about 1868 Bella Berger.

Levi M. Willits was a Captain in the Union Army. Levi died on April 8, 1885, in West Liberty, Logan County, Ohio. He is buried in the Mount Tabor Cemetery, Salem Township, Champaign County, Ohio.

1. Elmer D: b Mar 3, 1870.

2. Summer: b January 5, 1875.

N.1.1.6.3.1.8.8
ISAAC WILLITS and HARRIET WILLIAMS of Logan County, Ohio

Isaac Willits was born in 1838 in Logan County, Ohio. He married in 1859 Harriet Williams.

1. John M: b 1860.

2. Benjamin: b 1862.

3. Thomas E: b 1863.

4. Ada May: b 1866.

5. George F: b 1868.

6. Eddy O: b November 8, 1869.

N.1.1.6.3.1.10

CHARLES WILLITS and ELIZABETH JONES of Monroe Township, Logan County, Ohio

Charles Willits was born on October 1, 1805, in Fairfield County, Ohio. His father had just recently left Pennsylvania. His father settled in Logan County, Ohio, in 1816. Charles was raised in a Quaker family, but at some point he became a Baptist.

Charles married on April 16, 1829, Elizabeth Jones (b April, 1807, Berks County, Pennsylvania; d 1892), in Logan County, Ohio. They were members of the Baptist Church. He died on October 13, 1874. Both are buried in the Ma-co-chee Cemetery, Monroe Township, Logan County, Ohio. (Logan County History, 1982, page 471).

1. Emily: b Feburary 2, 1832 in Monroe Township, Logan County, Ohio; m on August 23, 1860, James Randall (Randle); d May 1870.

    1. Nancy Randall: b 1861.

    2. Mary E. Randall: b 1867.

2. Ellis: b July 18, 1833 in Monroe Township, Logan County, Ohio; m in Logan County, Ohio, on December 6, 1857, Hepzibath (Happy) Hyatt (b September 22, 1835; d 1928), the daughter of John and Ruth Hyatt. They resided in Logan County, Ohio. He died on May 12, 1898, and is buried at the Mac-o-chee Cemetery, Logan County, Ohio. See next N.1.1.6.3.1.10.2.

N.1.1.6.3.1.10.2

ELLIS WILLITS and HEPZIBATH HYATT of Monroe Township, Logan County, Ohio

Ellis Willits was born on July 18, 1833, in Monroe Township, Logan County, Ohio. He was married on December 6, 1857, Hepzibath (Happy) Hyatt (b September 22, 1835; d November 19, 1928), the daughter of John and Ruth Hyatt. In 1867, he began farming the Carroll farm of 220 acres in Logan County, Ohio. They were members of the Baptist faith.

Ellis died on May 12, 1898, and is buried at the Mac-o-chee Cemetery, Logan County, Ohio. (Logan County History, 1982, page 471; History of Logan County, and Ohio, Baskins, 1882, page 681).

1. William Lee: b December 31, 1858, in Logan County, Ohio; m December 1, 1880, Rose Ann Grimes; d December 20, 1934; buried in West Liberty Cemetery, Logan County, Ohio. See next N.1.1.6.3.1.10.2.1.

2. Mary L: b June 24, 1861, in Logan County, Ohio; m abt 1880 Traber.

3. Aurie (Ora; Aunt Rill): b June 8, 1865, in Logan County, Ohio; Grimes.

4. Charles: b January 1, 1867, in Logan County, Ohio.

5. Maud E: b November 3, 1872, in Logan County, Ohio; m abt 1895 Davis.

6. Hattie F: b June 3, 1876, in Logan County, Ohio; m abt 1898 Wynn.

N.1.1.6.3.1.10.2.1
WILLIAM LEE WILLITS and ROSE ANN GRIMES of Monroe Township, Logan County, Ohio

William Lee Willits was born on December 31, 1858, an Monroe Township, Logan County, Ohio. He received a public school education and farmed with his father until he was 22 years old.

He married on December 1, 1880, Rose Ann Grimes (b Logan County, Ohio). (Logan County History, 1982, page 471).

1. Ben Ellis: b June 15, 1881; m abt 1905 Bessie Reames; d 1965.

    1. Carman (Carmel): b abt 1910.

    2. Ormel: b abt 1915.

2. Arthur L: b abt 1883; m abt 1905 Tessie Short; resided in Monroe Township, Logan County, Ohio.

    1. Gerald: b abt 1907.

    2. Harold: b abt 1910.

    3. Reba: b abt 1912.

    4. Betty: b abt 1915.

    5. Sue: b abt 1917.

3. Wayne: b abt 1885; died young.

4. Walter Glenn: b abt 1887; m abt 1920 Cecil Flossie Strayer of West Liberty, Ohio.

    1. Helen Belle: b abt 1922; m 1st Gladyn Swysgood; m 2d Paul Bower.

    2. Rosella Margaret: b abt 1925.

    3. Glenna Ruth: b abt 1927.

    4. Jean: b abt 1930.

N.1.1.6.5
JOHN WILLITS of Berks County, Pennsylvania

John Willits was born in 1718 at Islip, Long Island, New York. He came to Pennsylvania about 1737 with his father. He married a widow about 1740 and lived in Berks County, Pennsylvania. He died on March 1, 1769, and is buried in Brunswick Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania. (Bartlett, pages 181-182).

"John Willits last will and testament was dated February 25, 1769, and provided for payment to his creditors and the overplus to be equally divided between his wife and children. The will was proved in the Register Generals Office in Reading, and was witnessed by John Hughes and James McNell" (Bartlett, page 181).

1. Job: b abt 1742.

2. Joshua: b abt 1745.

3. (daughter): b abt 1747.

N.1.1.6.8
ISAAC WILLITS and ELIZABETH
of Catawissa, Northumberland County, Pennsylvania (now Columbia County)

Isaac Willits was born about 1728 at Secatugue (now Islip), Long Island, New York. His father moved to Pennsylvania in 1736, taking Isaac and some of his brothers and sisters with him.

In 1760, Isaac Willits married (probably) in Berks County (now either Berks or Schuylkill County) Elizabeth. They lived in the Blue Mountain area, and later established a household in New Brunswick Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania.

> "In 1756, Isaac Willits ... and his brother John, then in their twenties, were so incensed with the massacre of many of the white settlers, took up arms against the Indians, and they, being members of the Society of Friends, were consequently disowned by the Exeter Monthly Meeting for this breach of discipline" (Bartlett, page 80).

This was more than just a stance to actively resist the Indian raids which were taking their toll on the wilderness settlements and isolated farms. The Exeter records for January 27, 1757, show that "Isaac (was) disowned for joining the militia" (Bartlett, page 80). Also, there is no record of Isaac ever returning to the Quaker fold.

> "On April 13, 1771, Isaac Willits and Ellis Hughes, executors of the testament and last will of John Willits, late of New Brunswig (sic) Township in the County of Berks, sold to Godfried Kercher of the same place a tract of land on Mohonon Creek, adjacent to land of James Boone and Burgoon Bird, in New Brunswig Township. John had brought 125 acres of land on August 1764, from Isaiah Willits, Isaac Willits, and Ellis Hughes; he brought 58 acres of that land on August 5, 1765, with application number 57" (County Recorder of Deeds, Berks County, Reading, Pennsylvania, Deed Book 7, pages 189-190, recorded March 9, 1780).

> "When Isaac purchased 400 acres of land on the west side of the south branch of the Susequehanna River, one mile below the mouth of Fishing Creek, where there was an old Indian town (opposite what was later called Hughesburg, then finally Catawissa) on April 22, 1771, he was said to be of Brunswick Township, Berks County (County Recorder of Deeds, Northumberland County, Sunbury, Pennsylvania, Deed Book D, page 503; recorded June 26, 1790)" (Bartlett,page 69).

> "When he sold that same tract of land on February 14, 1783, Isaac was said to be of Hereford Township, Berks County (County Recorder of Deeds, Northumberland County, Sunbury, Pennsylvania, Deed Book L, page 306; recorded September 12, 1800)" (Bartlett, page 69).

Isaac Willits died in 1784 in Catawissa in Northumberland County, Pennsylvania. And Isaac's son, Thomas, received his letter of administration on his father's estate on November 24, 1784. According to Bartlett (1982), there is some doubt as to the children of Isaac Willits (Bartlett, page 187).

> "In a document signed on September 20, 1799, the brothers, Samuel, Jesse, Isaac (with wife Rachel), and Isaiah are named (County Recorder of Deeds, Northumberland County, Sunbury, Pennsylvania; Deed Book L, pages 215-216; Bartlett, page 78). (These are Isaac's Willits children).
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> "In a document of April 14, 1800, the children of Isaac Willits, deceased are shown: Thomas, Levi, Ruth (and husband Edward Thornton), and Isaiah. All were from Mahoning Township, except Isaiah, who was from Catawissa Township" (County Recorder of Deeds, Northumberland County, Sunbury, Pennsylvania; Bartlett, page 78).

1. Thomas: b April 12, 1762; m December 10, 1782, Mary Allison; resided in Grosse Point, Michigan; d December 29, 1830. See next N.1.1.6.8.1.

2. Margaret: b abt 1764 possibly in what was called later New Brunswick Township, Berks (now Schuykill) County, Pennsylvania; m abt 1782 James Allison (d 1798 at Catawissa, Pennsylvania). It is believed that after the death of her husband, Margaret removed to Ohio. (Bartlett, page 190).

1. Isaac James Allison: b abt 1783; m Margaret Millard.

2. Amy Allison: b October 21, 1784, in Pennsylvania; m at Pickaway County, Ohio, James Willits (b April 4, 1777), the son of Isaiah Willits and Susanna Boone; d March 7, 1731, in Jackson Township, Wayne County; buried in the Franklin Cemetery, south of Pennville, Wayne County, Indiana.

3. Jesse Allison: b abt 1790; m 1822 at Wayne County, Indiana, Isaphena Reynolds.

4. Henrietta Allison: b 1795 in Pennsylvania; m December 30, 1813, in Pickaway County, Ohio, Isaac Willits, the son of Samuel Willits and Elizabeth Thornton; d after 1870 in Mercer County, Ohio.

- 5. Elizabeth Allison: b abt 1797.

3. Samuel: b September 21, 1766, in Berks County, Pennsylvania; m December 30, 1790, Elizabeth Thornton; d October 22, 1842, in Rush County, Indiana. See next N.1.1.6.8.3.

4. Isaiah: b September 15, 1768; m September 14, 1793, Rachel Hughes, the daughter of George and Martha (Boone) Hughes; d May 3, 1821. See next N.1.1.6.8.4.

5. Jesse: b November, 1770, in Pennsylvania; m in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, 1st in 1790 Sarah Van Horn, the daughter of Elizabeth and Henry (Van Sant) Van Horn (d 1799 in

Northumberland County, Pennsylvania); m 2d Susanna Van Horn; d July 7, 1842, at New Boston, Mercer County, Illinois. See next N.1.1.6.8.5.

6. Ruth: b abt 1772; m between 1794 and 1800 Edward Thornton (b March, 1767; d May 10, 1832); d 1844 at Muscatine, Iowa. (Bartlett, page 201).

7. Isaac, Jr: b abt 1775.

8. Amos: b abt 1776; d before 1793; no issue.

9. Rachel: b January 9, 1777.

10. Levi: b December 29, 1777, in Northumberland County, Pennsylvania; m 2d November, 1797, Rachel Field; d March 5, 1828. See next N.1.1.6.8.10.

11. Anne: b abt 1780; died young.

12. William: b 1781 in Northumberland County, Pennsylvania; possibly removed to Ohio. He married 1st 1804 Mary Lewis? m 2d in Wayne County, Indiana, on March 4, 1832, Jane (Drury?). He died on his farm in the valley of Green's Fork, Wayne County, Indiana, on October 12, 1858. See next N.1.1.6.8.12.

N.1.1.6.8.1

THOMAS WILLITS and MARY ALLISON of Northumberland County, Pennsylvania, Ontario, Canada, and Grosse Point, Wayne County, Michigan

Thomas Willits was born on April 12, 1762, probably in Berks County, Pennsylvania, in the Blue Mountain area. His father, Isaac, died in 1784, when he was 12.

> "After (his) father's death, Thomas Willits continued to reside on the family tract, which later fell into the new township of Mahoning at the time of its establishment" (Bartlett, page 187).

In Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, on December 10, 1782, Thomas Willits married Mary Allison (b February 10, 1762, in Dauphin County, Pennsylvania; d June 30, 1829, in Grosse Point, Michigan), the daughter of Matthew Allison. In 1800, they removed to Chatham, Canada, "probably because of a general movement that way by settlers seeking better land. He lived in Ontario until the War of 1812, when he crossed over to Grosse Point, Michigan" (Bartlett, page 188).

Today, Grosse Point is a suburb of the city of Detriot and in Wayne County, Michigan. Thomas died on December 29, 1830, at Grosse Point, Michigan.

> "His children were early Michigan settlers, but some stayed in Canada. Some of the family actually rejoined the family in Mercer County, Iowa" (Bartlett, page 188).

1. Nathaniel: b January 20, 1784, in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania; Nathaniel probably remained in Pennsylvania when his parents removed to Ontario, Canada, in 100; m abt 1805 Sarah Martin (d age 60); d abt 1834.

2. Elizabeth: b October 5, 1785, in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania; m 1st 1803 Matthew Dolson; m 2d 1819 John Dolson.

3. Martha: b March 27, 1787, in Northumberland County, Pennsylvania; m 1823 William McCrea.

4. Hannah: b May 11, 1788, in Northumberland County, Pennsylvania.

5. Isaac: b December 18, 1790, in Northumberland County, Pennsylvania; d 1876.

6. Elijah: b October 23, 1792, in Northumberland County, Pennsylvania; he was one of the first settlers of the town of Birmingham, Oakland County, Michigan; m 1st 1817 Catherine Welsh; m 2d 1829 Rachel Harmon; d April 28, 1868.

7. Levi: b June 30, 1794, in Northumberland County, Pennsylvania; m abt 1820 Madaline La Pierre.

8. Mary: b October 1, 1796, in Northumberland County, Pennsylvania; d y.

9. Charlotte: b March 10, 1798, in Northumberland County, Pennsylvania.

10. Lucy: b June 8, 1800, probably in Ontario, Canada; m abt 1825 William Little of Grosse Point, Wayne County, Michigan.

11. Thomas: b December 18, 1802, probably in Ontario, Canada; m abt 1825 Fannie De Hette; inherited his father's estate in 1830.

12. John: b May 8, 1806, probably in Ontario, Canada; m about 1830 Grace.

N.1.1.6.8.3
SAMUEL WILLITS of Berks County, Pennsylvania, Pickaway County, Ohio, and Rush County, Indiana

Samuel Willits was born on July 21, 1766, in (Old) Berks County, Pennsylvania. His father died in 1784 in Catawissa, Northumberland County, Pennsylvania.

Samuel married 1st on December 30, 1790, Elizabeth Thornton (b April 21, 1766; d May, 1825), the daughter of Michael and Jane (Blowne) Thornton.

It is thought that they may have moved westward into Ohio.

"Note: the following land transactions were made in Ohio by a Samuel and Elizabeth Willits, possibly this Samuel.

On September 14, 1812, Samuel Willits of Pickaway County, Ohio, and Elizabeth his wife sold to John Mowerer 50 acres of land in Salt Creek Township, Pickaway County, in the southwest ¼ of Range 20,

Township 11, Section 11 (County Recorder of Deeds, Pickaway County, Circleville, Ohio, Deed Book A, page 475; Bartlett, page 192).

On May 13, 1816, Samuel Willets and Elizabeth his wife sold to Conrad Brancher 106 acres of land in Salt Creek Township, Pickaway County, in the southwest ¼ of Range 20, Township 11, Section 11 (County Record Deeds, Pickaway County, Circleville, Ohio, Deed Book C, page 266).

In November, 1821, Elizabeth Willets of Fairfield County, Ohio, sold to Samuel Willets land in Fairfield County on R4, T1, S8. Sealed January 3, 1822. Received and recorded January 7, 1822 (County Record Deeds, Fairfield County, Lancaster, Ohio, Deed Book N, page 11).

On August 15, 1826, Samuel Willets and Elizabeth his wife sold to Benoni Culp land in Franklin County on R19, T14, S8. Indenture August 15, 1826; assigns August, 1826. Received and recorded August 22, 1826" (County Record Deeds, Fairfield County, Lancaster, Ohio, Deed Book P, page 38).

Elizabeth died in May, 1825. Samuel married 2d in Henry County, Indiana, on March 26, 1833, Mrs. Hannah (Willets) Mayes, the widow of William Mayes, and the daughter of Richard Willets and Barbara Prough (see N.1.1.6.3.1).

Evidently, Samuel followed the westward impulse in search of better land. He removed from Pickaway County, Ohio, and about 1840, settled in Wayne County, Indiana. He spent the remainder of his life in Indiana, and he and his family are noted in the records of Wayne, Rush, and Henry counties.

Samuel Willits died on October 22, 1842, in Rush County, Indiana; he is buried in the Old Knightstown Cemetery, Knightstown, Henry County, Indiana. Althought there is some doubt as to Samuel's parentage, the decendents and children that are listed below do belong to this Samuel Willets. (Bartlett, pages 192-194).

1. Isaiah: b October 16, 1791; m Henrietta Allison, the daughter of James and Margaret (Willits) Allison. See next N.1.1.6.8.3.1.

2. James: b February 15, 1793; m 1821 Lydia Jobe; d August, 1822. See next N.1.1.6.8.3.2.

3. Anne: b February 12, 1795; d March 5, 1802.

4. Jane: b January 22, 1797; m abt 1820 Dr. Waldo.

5. John: b April 2, 1799; m 1830 in Wayne County, Indiana, Sarah Campbell, the daughter of John and Dolly (Blue) Campbell (b September, 1820, in Pennsylvania); removed to Mercer County, Illinois about 1834 and settled in Abington Township; a landowner, stockbreeder, and dealer; d January 1, 1863. See next N.1.1.6.8.3.5.

6. Enos: b September 9, 1801; m 1825 in Wayne County, Indiana, Catherine Wright.

7. Josiah: b November 22, 1803.

8. Lott: b March 25, 1806; m June 7, 1827, in Wayne County, Indiana, Sarah McMullen; d April 12, 1839.

9. Cyrus: b March 10, 1808; m March 5, 1829, in Wayne County, Indiana, Mahala Mayes (b 1815 in Ohio), the daughter of William Mayes and Hannah Willits; d November 12, 1839. (Bartlett, pages 194, 235).

1. Ferdinand B: b abt 1830.

2. James Leroy: b 1834; m abt 1855.

1. Charles A.

3. Anna Maria: b March 14, 1837.

4. Cyrus Oscar: b May, 1839.

10. Theodore: b September 12, 1812.

11. Ruth: b abt 1825; m 1842 Courtney Drury of Wayne County, Indiana, the son of Edward and Jane (Burns) Drury, and grandson of Rachel Willits. Ruth died in 1847. Courtney Drury m 2d Ruth's sister, Cynthia Anne Willits. (Bartlett, page 264).

12. Thornton: b abt 1827.

13. Cynthia Anne: b abt 1830; m abt 1850 her deceased sister's husband, Courtney Drury.

N.1.1.6.8.3.1
ISAIAH WILLITS and HENRIETTA ALLISON of Wayne County, Indiana

Isaiah Willits was born October 16, 1791, probably in Berks County, Pennsylvania. He served in the War of 1812 as a sergeant from Pickaway County, Ohio. He married in Pickaway County, Ohio, on December 30, 1813, Henrietta Allison, the daughter of James and Margaret (Willits) Allison. By 1820, they were living in Wayne County, Indiana and were still there in 1840. A little later, they moved to Illinois.
Isaiah died before 1850 in Mercer County, Illinois.
(Bartlett, page 232).

1. Allen: b 1815 in Indiana; a farmer; m abt 1835 Ellen; removed to Illinois.

1. Lucy Jane: b abt 1837 in Illinois.

2. Cyrus: b abt 1840 in Illinois.

3. Sarah Alice: b abt 1842 in Illinois.

2. Elias: b 1820 in Indiana; a farmer; d July 10, 1880, at Abington Township, Mercer County, Illinois.

3. Mary Ann: b 1828 in Indiana.

4. Eliza Janne: b 1829 in Indiana.

5. Lydia E: b 1835 in Indiana.

6. Henry: b 1841 in Illinois.

N.1.1.6.8.3.2
JAMES WILLITS and LYDIA JOBE of Indiana

James Willits was born on February 15, 1793, probably in Berks County, Pennsylvania. As a child, his father took him to Pickaway County, Ohio. He served in the War of 1812 as a private from Pickaway County, Ohio. Afterwards, he removed to Wayne County, Indiana. He also may have lived in Henry County, Ohio.

He married at Wayne County, Indiana, on May 18, 1821, Lydia Jobe(s) (b April 16, 1800). He died August, 1822. Lydia (Jobes) Willits married 2d in 1826 Williams.

1. Oliver Perry: b 1821; m Margaret Nelson; d 1890. See next N.1.1.6.8.3.2.1.

N.1.1.6.8.3.2.1
OLIVER PERRY WILLITS and MARGARET NELSON

Oliver Perry Willits was born in 1821. He was orphaned at the age of one. In 1843 he married Margaret Nelson. He died in 1890. (Bartlett, page 233).

1. Austin: b 1845; d 1865.

2. Eli Liston: b 1845; m abt 1868 Sophia Moss; d 1890 at Des Moines, Iowa. See next N.1.1.6.8.3.2.1.2.

3. Edwin C: b 1849.

4. John: b 1851; d 1851.

5. William: b 1858 (twin).

6. Mary E: b 1858 (twin); d 1858.

N.1.1.6.8.3.2.1.2
ELI LISTON WILLITS and SOPHIA MOSS of Iowa

Eli Liston Willits was born in 1845. He married about 1868 Sophia Moss. Eli died in 1890 at Des Moines, Iowa. (Bartlett, page 233).

1. Harry C: b abt 1870.

2. Frank L: b abt 1872.

3. Oliver Perry: b abt 1874.

4. Charles Austin: b 1876; d 1937. (Bartlett, page 333).

1. Wilma: b 1903; m abt 1925 Edwin B. Carpenter.

N.1.1.6.8.3.5
JOHN WILLETS and SARAH CAMPBELL
of Wayne County, Indiana, and Mercer County, Illinois

John Willets was born April 2, 1799, in Pennsylvania. He grew up in Wayne County, Indiana. In 1830, he married in Wayne County, Indiana, Sarah G. Campell (b September, 1820, in Pennsylvania), the daughter of John and Polly (Blue) Campbell.

They removed to Mercer County, Illinios, about 1834 and settled in Abington Township. He was a landowner and a stockbreeder, and dealer.

There is some doubt about the ancestry of this John Willits.

(Bartlett, page 234).

1. William M: b December 4, 1835, at New Boston Township, Mercer County, Illinois; m February 12, 1872, Frances J. Gilchrist, the daughter of James and Martha (McEachin) Gilchrist.

1. Mary E: b abt 1874.

2. John E: b abt 1875.

3. Lena M: b abt 1877.

2. Sarah E: b abt 1837; m September 22, 1870, Milton M. Jones (b September 27, 1844, in Preemption Township, Mercer County, Illinois), the son of Franklin and Elizabeth (Farwell) Jones.

1. Milton Willits Jones: b abt 1872.

3. Josiah G: b abt 1839.

4. James W: b abt 1840.

5. Martha G: b abt 1841.

6. Mary J: b abt 1843.

7. Linnaeus H: b abt 1845.

8. Thomas W: b April 7, 1847, in Abington Township, Mercer County, Illinois; m February 13, 1873, Alice Main.

1. Carrie E: b abt 1875.

N.1.1.6.8.4

ISAIAH WILLITS and RACHEL HUGHES of Catawissa, Columbia County, Pennsylvania

Isaiah Willits was born on September 15, 1768, probably at Catawissa, Northumberland County (now Columbia County), Pennsylvania.

He married on September 14, 1793, Rachel Hughes, the daughter of George and Martha (Boone) Hughes. The Quaker records for January 29, 1794, show that "Rachel Willets (daughter of George Hughes) was married by a magistrate" (The Boone Family, Spraker, page 604).

Isaiah died on May 3, 1821, in Catawissa Township, Columbia County, Pennsylvania, and is buried in the Catawissa Meeting Graveyard.

(Bartlett, pages 194-196).

1. Martha: b January 4, 1797, in Catawissa, Columbia County, Pennsylvania; d May 25, 1798.

2. Elizabeth: b January 16, 1801, in Catawissa, Columbia County, Pennsylvania; m abt 1825 William McKelvey; d June 24, 1858. (The Boone Family, Spraker, page 229).

1. James McKelvey:

2. Harriet McKelvey: m Maple.

3. Isaiah McKelvey: m Hannah.

3. George Hughes: b December 11, 1803, in Catawissa, Columbia County, Pennsylvania; m December 18, 1828, Jane Clark; d March 22, 1881, in Catawissa, Columbia County, Pennsylvania. See next N.1.1.6.8.4.3.

4. Charles: b December 22, 1805, in Catawissa, Columbia County, Pennsylvania; d August, 1807.

5. Matilda: b June 5, 1807, in Catawissa, Columbia County, Pennsylvania; m 1st May, 1826, Andrew Clark; m 2d Kellogg; d March, 1833.

6. John Hughes: b February 18, 1809, in Catawissa, Columbia County, Pennsylvania; m October 27, 1831, Elizabeth D. Wilson; d June 18, 1835, in Catawissa, Columbia County, Pennsylvania. See next N.1.1.6.8.4.6.

7. Townsend: b September 12, 1811, in Catawissa, Columbia County, Pennsylvania; transferred from the Fishing Creek Monthly Meeting to the Mucy Monthly Meeting, Lycoming County, Pennsylvania; d September, 1829, age 18.

8. Clinton: b May 22, 1813, in Catawissa, Columbia County, Pennsylvania; d March 20, 1834, age 21.

N.1.1.6.8.4.3
GEORGE HUGHES WILLITS and JANE CLARK
of Catawissa, Columbia County, Pennsylvania

George Hughes Willits was born on December 11, 1803, in Catawissa, Columbia County, Pennsylvania. He spent his whole life here.

He married on December 18, 1828, Jane Clark. He died March 22, 1881, at Catawissa, Columbia County, Pennsylvania. (Bartlett, page 235; The Boone Family, Spraker, page 229).

1. Isaiah: b 1843; a doctor.

2. Jane Cordelia: b 1850; d 1888.

3. Charles Clark: b abt 1852.

N.1.1.6.8.4.6
JOHN HUGHES WILLITS and ELIZABETH D. WILSON
of Catawissa, Columbia County, Pennsylvania

John Hughes Willits was born on February 18, 1809, in Catawissa, Columbia County, Pennsylvania. Evidently he spent his whole life here.

He married on October 27, 1831, Elizabeth D. Wilson. He died June 18, 1835, at Catawissa, Columbia County, Pennsylvania. (Bartlett, page 235; The Boone Family, Spraker, page 229).

1. Amelia: b 1832.

2. Matilda: b 1834; m abt 1855 Thomas Warner; d 1913.

N.1.1.6.8.5

JESSE WILLITS of Bucks County, Pennsylvania, and Wayne County, Indiana

Jesse Willits was born in November, 1770, probably in Bucks County, Pennsylvania. He married 1st abt 1790 Sarah Van Horn (b February 7, 1773, at Newtown Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania; d abt 1795), the daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Van Sant) Van Horn. In 1798, they removed to first to Ohio, and in 1814, to Wayne County, Indiana.

He married 2d abt 1800 Sarah's sister, Susanna Van Horn (b October 9, 1768, in New Township, Bucks County, Indiana; d June 6, 1839, Mercer County, Illinois).

> "A Jesse Willits was Justice of the Peace for Amanda Township, Fairfield County, Ohio, on November 15, 1805, and December 12, 1806" (County Records of Deeds, Fairfield County, Ohio, Deed Book F).

> "In 1814, Jesse Willits moved to Wayne County, Indiana. Eventually, his brothers, Levi, William, and Samuel joined him, all settling in the valley of Green's Fork" (Bartlett, page 47).

This Jesse Willits was also a Justice of the Peace in 1828 and a county commissioner in 1829.

> "Jesse Willits was afterwards first probate Judge, with his appointment from the Governor. His name appears on the Poll Tax as the first man to deposit a ballot, after the County was organized in 1835" (Bartlett, page 198).

He died on July 7, 1842, at New Boston, Mercer County, Illinois. (Bartlett, pages 197-201).

1. Samuel: b April, 1791, in Northumberland County, Pennsylvania; m abt 1815 Mary Gossage; d 1881. See next N.1.1.6.8.5.1.

2. Elisha: b February 27, 1794, in Northumberland County, Pennsylvania (or Bucks County); a farmer; m 1st on September 27, 1818, Sally Huff, at Wayne County, Indiana; m 2d January 20, 1820, at Wayne County, Indiana, Mary Hannah (b October 7, 1797; d November 12, 1878), the daughter of James and Sarah (Gregg) Hannah; d 1885. See next N.1.1.6.8.5.2.

3. Elias: b January, 1795; m October 11, 1822, at Wayne County, Indiana, Eliza Kibbey; d April 18, 1824. See next N.1.1.6.8.5.3.

4. Sarah: b abt 1798 in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania; m October 14, 1819, Bushy.

5. Eli: b April, 1800, in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania; m 1st 1826, Harriet Drury (d April 11, 1851, in Wayne County, Indiana; buried in Franklin Cemetery, Wayne County), the daughter of Edward and Jane (Burns) Drury; m 2d August 21, 1851, in Wayne County,

Indiana, Caroline Crull O'Neill; d September 4, 1857, in Wayne County, Indiana. See next N.1.1.6.8.5.5.

6. Dudley: b abt 1801 in Hancock, Fairfield County, Ohio; m November 15, 1827, in Union County, Indiana, Mary (Polly) Ann Roby (Ruby).

7. William: b January 7, 1802, in Wayne County, Indiana; m 1st Chariah Drury; m 2d March 10, 1852, Mary D. (Alyea) Danford, widow, the daughter of Joseph and Margaret (Love) Alyea, and widow of William Danford who had died July 27, 1850; d September 1, 1871. See next N.1.1.6.8.5.7.

8. Silas: b abt 1804, in Hancock, Fairfield County, Ohio; m February 5, 1832, Margaret K. Shaw; d November 3, 1857.

9. Matilda: b abt 1805, in Hancock, Fairfield County, Ohio; m Noble.

10. Margaret: b abt 1807, in Hancock, Fairfield County, Ohio.

N.1.1.6.8.5.1
SAMUEL WILLITS and MARY GOSSAGE of Mercer County, Illinois

Samuel Willits April, 1791, in Northumberland County, Pennsylvania. His father moved west, first to Fairfield County, Ohio, and then to Wayne County, Indiana.

Samuel married abt 1815 Mary Gossage. They settled for a while at Zanesville, Ohio. He died in 1881. (Bartlett, page 236).

1. Charles Gossage: b January, 1821, in Zanesville, Ohio; came to Boston, Mercer County, Illinois, when young; m 1st March 29, 1846, at Millersburg, Mercer County, Illinois, Rachel Willett Thorton, the daughter of Eli and Rachel B. (Willet) Thorton; m 2d Eleanor Cozier; d 1897, at Mount Pleasant, Iowa. See next N.1.1.6.8.5.1.1.

N.1.1.6.8.5.1.1
CHARLES GOSSAGE WILLITS and RACHEL WILLET THORTON
of Mercer County, Illinois, and Mount Pleasant, Henry County, Iowa

Charles Gossage Willits was born in January, 1821, in Zanesville, Ohio. He came to Boston, Mercer County, Illinois, when young. He married March 29, 1846, at Millersburg, Mercer County, Illinois, Rachel Willett Thorton, the daughter of Eli and Rachel B. (Willet) Thorton; m 2d Eleanor Cozier.

Charles Gossage Willits died in 1897, at Mount Pleasant, Henry County, Iowa. (Bartlett, pages 236-238).

1. Charlotte Rebecca: b abt 1848 at New Boston, Mercer County, Illinois; m William Hendrix.

2. Sarah Tobias: b abt 1850 at New Boston, Mercer County, Illinois, m John Litzenburg.

3. Alice: b abt 1852 at New Boston, Mercer County, Illinois, m Oliver Campbell.

4. Eli Thorton: b abt 1855 at New Boston, Mercer County, Illinois; m 2d October 2, 1877, Mary Elisa Carrons; d 1930.

5. Samuel: b abt 1857 at Mount Pleasant, Henry County, Iowa; d at age of 18 of encephalitis (mentally retarded).

6. Ledru: b abt 1860 at Mount Pleasant, Henry County, Iowa; m 1st Nanette Lee, no issue; m 2d Jesse Pondius, no issue.

7. Novello: b abt 1862 at Mount Pleasant, Henry County, Iowa; m 1st Leander Shields; m 2d Andrew Small.

8. John: b June 2, 1864; a Methodist Minister; m 1st Tillie Winter; m 2d Clara; d at Mount Pleasant, Henry County, Iowa. See next N.1.1.6.8.5.1.1.8.

9. Wilmot: b January 29, 1866, a doctor; m Lemma Hooper; d at Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri. See next N.1.1.6.8.5.1.1.9.

N.1.1.6.8.5.1.1.8
JOHN WILLITS of Mount Pleasant, Henry County, Iowa

John Willits was born (probably) at Mount Pleasant, Henry County, Iowa, on June 2, 1864. He married 1st Tillie Winter. John Willits was a Baptist minister.

He married 2d Clara. He died at Mount Pleasant, Henry County, Iowa. (Bartlett, page 238).

1. Paul:

2. Charles:

3. Ellen:

N.1.1.6.8.5.1.1.9
WILMOT WILLITS and LEMMA HOOBER
of Mount Pleasant, Henry County, Iowa, and Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri

Wilmot Willits was born (probably) at Mount Pleasant, Henry County, Iowa, on January 29, 1866. He was a doctor. He married Lemma Hoober. He died at Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri. (Bartlett, page 238).

1. Lyle:

2. Miriam:

N.1.6.8.5.2
ELISHA WILLITS of Northumberland County, Pennsylvania, and Wayne County, Indiana

Elisha Willits was born on February 24, 1794, in Northumberland County (or Bucks County), Pennsylvania. He served in the military during the War of 1812. After the war, he settled at Wayne County, Indiana, and became a farmer.

Elisha married 1st on September 27, 1818, Sally Huff (Hull), at Wayne County, Indiana. He married 2d on January 20, 1820, at Wayne County, Indiana, Mary Hannah (b October 7, 1797; d November 12, 1878), the daughter of James and Sarah (Gregg) Hannah. (Bartlett, pages 238-240).

Elisha died in Wayne County, Indiana, on March 16, 1885, and is buried in the Doddridge Chapel Cemetery.

1. Nelson: b November 27, 1820, in Wayne County, Indiana; m abt 1858 Lucy Holstuger; d 1907.

2. Sarah M: b February 17, 1822, in Wayne County, Indiana; m John M. Hurst; d 1891.

3. Clarissa: b December 5, 1823, in Wayne County, Indiana; m Samuel E. Busby.

4. Elias: b August 12, 1826, in Wayne County, Indiana; a Judge of Monmouth, Warren County, Illinois; d November 2, 1881.

5. Joanna: b February 26, 1828, in Wayne County, Indiana; moved to Henry County, Indiana; m Thomas Rogers.

6. James Hannah: b May 19, 1830, in Wayne County, Indiana; m Annie McKenzie. See next N.1.1.6.8.5.2.6.

7. Hugh: b March 27, 1832, in Wayne County, Indiana; d March 3, 1840.

8. Jesse: b February 21, 1835, in Wayne County, Indiana; d October 21, 1861.

9. Margaret: b February 24, 1837, in Wayne County, Indiana; d August 11, 1838.

10. Samuel: b January 26, 1839, in Wayne County, Indiana.

11. William Irvin: b January 5, 1841, in Milton, Wayne County, Indiana; m August 24, 1865, in Warren County, Iowa, Sarah Margaret Hannah (b July 15, 1840, at Milton, Wayne County, Iowa; d December 27, 1927, at St, Louis, Missouri), the daughter of Abraham and Mary Hannah; d May 27, 1920, at St. Louis, Missouri. See next N.1.1.6.8.5.2.11.

12: Ann Mary: b August 4, 1844; m Jonathan Jones.

N.1.1.6.8.5.2.6
JAMES HANNAH WILLITS and ANNIE MCKENZIE of Wayne County, Indiana

James Hannah Willits was born in Wayne County, Indiana, on May 19, 1830. He married about 1850 Annie McKenzie. (Bartlett, page 239).

1. Georginna R: b abt 1852; a librarian at Auburn, Placer County, California (just north of Sacramento); no issue.

2. James: b abt 1855; resided in San Bernardino, California. (Bartlett, pages 239, 334).

1. Doris: m T. Rowe; no issue.

2. Vera: m W. Odening.

3. Betty: m R. E. Bailey.

4. Patricia: m R. Hennessy.

N.1.1.6.8.5.2.11
WILLIAM IRVIN WILLITS and SARAH MARGARET HANNAH of Warren County, Iowa

William Irvin Willits was born on January 5, 1841, in Milton, Wayne County, Indiana. He married on August 24, 1865, in Warren County, Iowa, Sarah Margaret Hannah (b July 15, 1840, at Milton, Wayne County, Iowa; d December 27, 1927, at St, Louis, Missouri), the daughter of Abraham and Mary Hannah.

He died on May 27, 1920, at St. Louis, Missouri. (Bartlett, pages 240-241).

1. Laura: b June 25, 1865, in Iowa; d May 19, 1914, unmarried.

2. Ora M: b September 25, 1866, in Indiana; d August 12, 1941, unmarried.

3. Victor William: b February 22, 1876, in Alton, Madison County, Illinois (just north of St. Louis); m Blanche Emma Thomas (b 1877; d 1962), the daughter of John Sinclair and Ellen (Cullen) Thomas; d January 26, 1941. See next N.1.1.6.8.5.2.11.3.

4. Edward Everett: b February 29, 1878, in Alton, Madison County, Illinois.

N.1.1.6.8.5.2.11.3
VICTOR WILLIAM WILLITS and BLANCHE EMMA THOMAS
of Alton, Madison County, Illinois

Victor William Willits was born on February 22, 1876, in Alton, Madison County, Illinois (just north of St. Louis). He married Blanche Emma Thomas (b 1877; d 1962), the daughter of John Sinclair and Ellen (Cullen) Thomas. He died on January 26, 1941. (Bartlett, pages 240-241).

1. Victor Wilmer, Jr: b 1915; m Klass. (Bartlett, page 335).

    1. Asenath Louise: b 1939.

    2. Victor William: b 1940; m 1963 McLaughlin.

        1. Kristan Katherine: b 1969.

    3. Michael George: b 1948.

N.1.1.6.8.5.3
ELIAS WILLITS and ELIZA KIBBEY of Wayne County, Indiana

Elias Willits was born January 1, 1797, in (probably) Northumberland County, Pennsylvania. He married on October 11, 1822, at Wayne County, Indiana, Eliza Kibbey.
He died on April 18, 1824, in Centerville. His widow, Eliza (Kibbey) Willits married 2d Joshua Willits. (Bartlett, page 199).

1. J. B: b 1823; lived in the area of the valley of Green's Fork, Wayne County, Indiana. (Bartlett, page 241).

2. I. B: b 1824; lived in Wayne County, Indiana. (Bartlett, page 241).

N.1.1.6.8.5.5
ELI WILLITS of Wayne County, Indiana

Eli Willits was born in April, 1800, in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania. He married 1st in 1826 Harriet Drury (d April 11, 1851, in Wayne County, Indiana; buried in Franklin Cemetery, Wayne County), the daughter of Edward and Jane (Burns) Drury.

Eli Willits married 2d on August 21, 1851, in Wayne County, Indiana, Caroline Crull O'Neill. He died September 4, 1857, in Wayne County, Indiana. (Bartlett, page 242).

1. Celicia: b March 14, 1830, in Wayne County, Indiana; d July, 1850, buried in Franklin Cemetery, Wayne County, Indiana.

2. John B: b 1832.

3. Maria A: b 1836.

4. Clarinda: b 1839; d before 1858.

5. Levi R: b abt 1842.

6. Wells W: b abt 1844.

7. James L: b 1846.

8. Orr: b 1847; possibly the same who is listed as a miller in New Boston (1870 Census, Mercer County, Illinois).

9. Burns: b abt 1848.

10. Vie: b abt 1849.

11. Luediah: b abt 1850.

N.1.1.6.8.5.7
WILLIAM WILLITS and CHARIAH DRURY of Wayne County, Indiana

William Willits was born on June 7, 1802, in Wayne County, Indiana. He married about 1825 Chariah Drury. About 1835, they removed to New Boston, Mercer County, Illinois. (Bartlett, pages 242-243; 1850 New Boston, Mercer County, Illinois, census).

1. Volney: b abt 1831 in Indiana.

2. Margaret: b abt 1833 in Indiana.

3. Adelia: b abt 1836, in Illinois.

4. James L: b abt 1843, in Illinois.

5. Walter: b abt 1845, in Illinois.

6. Theresa: b abt 1847, in Illinois.

7. (infant): b abt June, 1850, in Illinois.

8. Viemma: b January 1853; d after 1882.

9. Arthur: b April 23, 1885.

10. Scylus D: b February 26, 1857.

11. Clarence L: b April 4, 1859.

12. Florence N: b September 24, 1861.

N.1.1.6.8.10

LEVI WILLITS and RACHEL FIELD of Catawissa, Columbia County, Pennsylvania

Levi Willits was born on December 29, 1777, near Catawissa, Columbia County, Pennsylvania. Levi was one of 4 brothers who came to Wayne County, Indiana, early, and with their sisters and families settled in the south part of Wayne County. They formed the Willits settlement which was mostly in what is now Washington County.

He married on November 2, 1797, Rachel Field, the daughter of Robert and Phoebe Field. Rachel was "disowned" from the Quaker Meeting for marrying outside of the Quaker faith. He died on March 5, 1828, Wayne County, Indiana, and is buried in what is called the Old Franklin Cemetery, south of Pennville, Jay County, Indiana.

(Bartlett, pages 202-204).

1. Robert: b October 2, 1798, in Pennsylvania; m 1820 Sarah (Sally) Beard (b abt 1803), the daughter of John and Mary (Wright) Beard; will probated September 27, 1869, in Van Buren County, Iowa. See next N.1.1.6.8.10.1.

2. William: b March 3, 1800; m September 8, 1825, Mary Fix (b December 18, 1805; d May 20, 1858); d May 24, 1850, at Wayne County, Indiana; buried in Franklin Cemetery, Wayne County, Indiana. See next N.1.1.6.8.10.2.

3. Mary: b March 6, 1803; m in Wayne County, Indiana, October 2, 1819, Caleb Lewis; d August 20, 1869; buried in Franklin Cemetery, Wayne County, Indiana.

    1. Vashti Lewis: b abt 1822.

    2. Leah Viney Lewis: b abt 1825; m Harrison Scott. (Bartlett, page 149).

    3. Sarah Lewis: b abt 1827.

    4. Mary Lewis: b abt 1830.

    5. Maria Lewis: b 1835; d 1906.

    6. John M. Lewis: b abt 1837.

    7. Minerva Lewis: b abt 1840.

    8. William Lewis: b abt 1842.

    9. Melissa Lewis: b abt 1845.

    10. Levi Lewis: b abt 1847.

4. Sarah: b June 12, 1806, in Ohio; m February 16, 1826, in Wayne County, Indiana, James Congleton Scott (b August 19, 1797, in Bourbon County, Kentucky; d July 18, 1854, in Wayne County, Indiana; buried in Jackson Cemetery); d November 23, 1880, in Dublin, Wayne County, Indiana; buried in the Jacksonburg Cemetery, Wayne County, Indiana. (For a complete listing of their children see: Bartlett, pages 250-254).

5. Vashti: b September 24, 1808, in Ohio; m September 26, 1826, John Ellison Dunham. (Bartlett, pages 254-255).

1. Mary Elizabeth Dunham: b abt 1828; m Southard.

2. Margaret Ann Dunham: b abt 1830.

3. William Pugh Dunham: b abt 1832.

4. Peyton Randolph Dunham: b abt 1835; m Almarinda Davis.

5. Lydia Ellen Dunham: b abt 1837.

6. John Dunham: b abt 1840.

7. Robert Dunham: b abt 1842.

6. Hiram: b 1815; d 1818; died young.

7. Melissa (Miriam?): b June 5, 1818.

8. James Monroe: b June 5, 1818, in Wayne County, Indiana; a farmer; m 1st September 29, 1840, in Wayne County, Indiana, Sarah Ann Meyers (d September 23, 1849, at New Boston, Mercer County, Illinois; m 2d June 27, 1850, Sarah Augusta Prouty (b April 30, 1832, at Spencer, Massachusetts; d December 5, 1895, at New Boston, Mercer County, Illinois); d April 8, 1906, at New Boston, Illinois. See next N.1.1.6.8.10.8.

9. Waldo: b 1820; d 1823; died young.

H.1.1.6.8.10.1
ROBERT WILLITS and SARAH BEARD
of Wayne County, Indiana, and Van Buren County, Iowa

Robert Willits was born on October 2, 1798, in Pennsylvania. His father moved to Wayne County, Indiana, when he was young. He married in Wayne County, Indiana, March 1820, Sarah (Sally) Beard (b abt 1803), the daughter of John and Mary (Wright) Beard. They settled at Wayne County, Illinois for nearly 20 years.

Evidently about 1842, they moved on to Van Buren County, Iowa. His will was probated September 27, 1869, in Van Buren County, Iowa. (Bartlett, page 203).

1. Hiram S: b February 5, 1821, in Wayne County, Indiana; m March 13, 1845, in Van Buren County, Iowa, Margaret Johnson (b August 11, 1827). See next N.1.1.6.8.10.1.1.

2. John: b August 30, 1823.

3. Rachel: b March 23, 1826, in Wayne County, Indiana; m April 25, 1844, in Van Buren County, Iowa, John Peterie (b May 10, 1810; d June 17, 1865); d April 7, 1873, in Van Buren County, Iowa; buried in the Thompson Cemetery.

1. Robert Willits Peterie: b May 7, 1845.

2. Andrew Peterie: b August 21, 1847.

3. Jesse Wright Peterie: b September 21, 1849.

4. John Monroe Peterie: b abt 1852.

4. Mary Malinda: b September 20, 1828, in Wayne County, Indiana; m October 1, 1846, in Van Buren County, Iowa, Samuel Rabb; d May 17, 1882.

5. Minerva Jane: b March 1, 1831, in Wayne County, Indiana; m 1st November 21, 1854, in Van Buren County, Iowa, William Kirlin; m 2d Levi Hayes.

6. Isaac Noble: b October 21 (or 26), 1836, in Wayne County, Indiana; m November 27, 1856, in Van Buren County, Iowa, Nancy Beck (b January 8, 1838, in Perry County, Ohio). See next N.1.1.8.10.1.6.

7. Clarinda Ann: b March 12, 1834, in Wayne County, Indiana; m 1st February 23, 1854, in Van Buren County, Iowa, Andrew Hayes; m 2d February 4, 1856, Charles E. Swartz.

8. Eli Wright: b October 17, 1838, in Wayne County, Indiana; m September 13, 1870, in Van Buren County, Iowa, Nancy Craig (b August 8, 1850); d February 19, 1881); d May 7, 1893. (Bartlett, page 248).

9. Albert Sinks: b December 14, 1841, in Wayne County, Indiana; m December 19, 1861, Jane Beck (b January 14, 1840; d August 28, 1920); d April 8, 1910; buried in the Thompson Cemetery.

10. Robert Monroe: b October 26, 1844, in Van Buren County, Iowa; d June 11 (or 14), 1846, at 1 year and 7 months; buried in the Thompson Cemetery.

N.1.1.6.8.10.1.1
HIRAM S. WILLITS and MARGARET J. JOHNSON
of Van Buren County, Iowa, and Willits, Mendocino County, California

Hiram S. Willits was b abt 1821 in Wayne County, Indiana. In September, 1842, his parents moved to Van Buren County, Iowa. He married on March 13, 1844, Margaret Johnson (b August 11, 1827), in Van Buren County, Iowa. He farmed until April, 1850.

Hiram caught the gold rush fever, and on April 1, 1850, he and his wife, started across the plains for California.

Hiram and Sarah arrived in Hangtown (now Placerville), California, on April 17, 1850; they immediately settled at Rough and Ready, where they opened a hotel that he ran for 5 or 6 months. In March 1851, they were in Calussa County. He secured a claim and began farming and stok raising and opened a public house.

Hiram Willits began the Valley stages in 1856. The stage ran from Little Lake (later called Willitsville, and then Willits, which was named for him) to Petaluma (History of Mendocino County, California, 1880, page 784).

"He came to Mendocino County, and settled in the beautiful and fertile valley of Little Lake. Since then, a charming town has sprung into existence on his place which bears his name. He began farming upon his arrival at that place, and is still (1880) engaged in it. In 1865, he began merchandising, his store being the nucleaus about which the town has grown. He is still engaged in that business, in conncetion with his farming. He was apoointed postmaster at Willitsville in 1860, being the first one in place, and with the exception of two vacancies of about 18 months each, he has held the office continuously ever since" (History of Mendocino County, California, 1880, pages 592-594).

Hiram built the first two story house in the valley. He built another house and barns later. These are still standing (1979) just north of the Hotel Willits (A Little Bit of Willits History, 1979, pages 72-73).

The town name was changed to Willits in 1888. Hiram died in 1892, and his wife, Margaret, died in 1902. There was no issue of this marriage.

N.1.1.6.8.10.1.6

ISAAC NOBLE WILLITS and NANCY BECK of Livermore, Alameda County, California

Isaac Noble Willits was born on October 21 (or 26), 1836, in Wayne County, Indiana. His parents moved to Van Buren County, Iowa, in September 1842.

He married on November 27, 1856, in Van Buren County, Iowa, Nancy Beck (b January 8, 1838, in Perry County, Ohio). His brother, Hiram S. Willits, encouraged him to come out to California. Hiram brought his family out and stayed at Willits during 1867-1869; however, he then reurned to Van Buren County, Iowa, and stayed there until after 1881.

Isaac Noble Willits died February 10, 1923, in Livermore, Alameda County, California. (Bartlett, pages 246-248).

1. Frank Lee: b June 21, 1860, in Farmington, Van Buren County, Iowa; m September 18, 1895, in Los Angeles, California, Mary Jane Francis; d August 28, 1914, in Hanford, Kings County, California.

    1. James N: b abt 1898; of San Diego; m 1st Dorothea Cook Walter; m 2d Blanche Lucienski.

2. Hiram Sinks: b May, 1863, in Iowa; m abt 1890 Mrs. Anna A. (Willits) Hill, widow (b February 28, 1865, in Indiana), the daughter of Charles Martin and Sarah E. (Hill) Willits, and the widow of Charles Hill; d April, 1915.

    1. Ralph N: b July, 1894, in California.

    2. Helen E: b April, 1895, in California.

    3. Delphyen: b May, 1898, in California.

3. Jennie: b 1865, in Idaho; m abt 1885 Ball Falkner.

4. James Garfield: b January 2, 1867, at Willits, Mendocino County, California; m Fanny Folker; d 1898.

5. George Beck: b July 20, 1869, at Willits, Mendocino County, California; m abt 1890 Florence Fullwider; d 1942.

6. Leonard: b 1871 in Van Buren County, Iowa; d 1880.

7. Noreen: b 1873; d 1878.

8. Ella Hayworth: b July 4, 1876, in Van Buren County, Iowa.

9. Eli Wright: b March 19, 1879, in Van Buren County, Iowa.

10. Ada: b March 11, 1881; m Robert Douglas Gorden.

N.1.1.6.8.10.2
WILLIAM WILLITS and MARY FIX of Wayne County, Indiana

William Willits was born on March 3, 1800. He married on September 8, 1825, Mary Fix (b December 18, 1805; d May 20, 1858).

William Willits died on May 24, 1850, at Wayne County, Indiana, and is buried in the Franklin Cemetery, Wayne County, Indiana.

1. Loring W: b 1826.

2. Christopher C: b 1827.

3. Levi: b November 1, 1829.

4. Ira L: b 1831.

5. Nancy Ellen: b 1833.

6. Vashti: b 1835.

7. Matilda: b 1838.

8. Samuel: b 1840.

9. Dudley: b August 3, 1842.

10. James: b October 24, 1845.

N.1.1.6.8.10.8
JAMES MONROE WILLITS of Mercer County, Illinois

James Monroe Willits was born on June 5, 1818, in Wayne County, Indiana. He was a farmer. He married 1st on September 29, 1840, in Wayne County, Indiana, Sarah Ann Myers (d September 23, 1849, at New Boston, Mercer County, Illinois.

James Monroe Willits married 2d on June 27, 1850, Sarah Augusta Prouty (b April 30, 1832, at Spencer, Massachusetts; d December 5, 1895, at New Boston, Mercer County, Illinois). He died on April 8, 1906, at New Boston, Mercer County, Illinois. (Bartlett, pages 256-262).

1. Levi Perry: b November 21, 1841, in Indiana; lived in Lenox, Taylor County, Iowa, in 1895; d June 30, 1927.

2. William Henry: b August 15, 1843, in Illinois; lived in New Boston, Mercer County, Illinois, in 1895; d June 3, 1930.

3. Viola Jane: b November 17, 1844, in Illinois; lived in Britton, Marshall County, South Dakota, in 1895; m Hindman; d December 10, 1933.

4. James Lloyd: b January 29, 1847, in Illinois; lived in Los Angeles, California, in 1895; d December 18, 1918.

5. Orpha Miranda: b September 10, 1849; m July 2, 1875, Reason Harvey Pratt (d July 2, 1916); d June 22, 1923.

6. Ledro Proutty: b March 6, 1851; m 1877 Charlotte Kirlin (b July 7, 1853; d November 22, 1944). See next H.1.1.6.8.10.8.6.

7. Felton Henry: b December 18, 1852; d July 17, 1853.

8. Vashti Lydia: b July 16, 1854, at New Boston, Mercer County, Illinois; m October 21, 1874, in Mercer County, Illinois, O. H. Bell; d January 1, 1924, in Dallas, Texas.

9. Robert Murray: b March 20, 1856; m December 19, 1878, Jennie E. Worley (b June, 1858, near Astoria, Fulton County, Illinois; d December 8, 1897, at Joy, Illinois); d July 1, 1020.

1. Vie: b abt 1880.

2. Omar: b abt 1882.

3. Maude: b November, 1896, in New Boston Township, Mercer County, Illinois.

10. Fred: b July 27, 1858; of New Boston, Illinois; d August 31, 1935.

11. Courtney: b January 27, 1867; of New Boston, Illinois; m 2d Lollie.

N.1.1.6.8.10.8.6
LEDRO PROUTTY WILLITS and CHARLOTTE KIRLIN of Mercer County, Illinois

Ledro Proutty Willits was born on March 6, 1851. He married in 1877 Charlotte Kirlin (b July 7, 1853; d November 22, 1944). They probably lived in Mercer County, Illinois. (Bartlett, pages 257-261).

1. Glenn Roy: b April 13, 1879; m November, 1904, Agnes C. Johnson; lived in Joy, Mercer County, Illinois; d December 20, 1956. See next N.1.1.6.8.10.8.6.1.

2. James Anderson: b September 21, 1881; m April, 1914, Mary Wysong (b 1882; d 1955); d February 26, 1965. See next N.1.1.6.8.10.8.6.2.

3. Stella: b August 8, 1883; m Mary Worthington; d October 15, 1949.

4. Don Poe: b September 19, 1885; d December 25, 1972.

5. Clair: b March 27, 1889; m 1st 1919 Ruth Tallman; m 2d Grace Balker; d May 9, 1980. See next N.1.1.6.8.10.8.6.5.

6. Lloyd: b March 29, 1891; m abt 1917 Pearl Bjork; d September 24, 1963. See next N.1.1.6.8.10.8.6.6.

7. Grace: b November 19, 1894; m 1917 Frank Logsdon; d July 28, 1977.

8. Nellie: b November 19, 1898; m April, 1928, Taylor Miksch (b 1895; d 1965); d August 28, 1962.

N.1.1.6.8.10.8.6.1
GLENN ROY WILLITS and AGNES C. JOHNSON of Joy, Mercer County, Illinois

Glenn Roy Willits was born on April 13, 1879. He married on November, 1904, Agnes C. Johnson; lived in Joy, Mercer County, Illinois. He died on December 20, 1956. (Bartlett, pages 257-258).

1. Hazel Charlotte: b March 28, 1905; m 1933 Russell R. Hansen.

2. Charles Leroy: b August 3, 1906; m 1932 Frances Pierpont. (Bartlett, page 338).

    1. Jeanne C: b October 11, 1934; m 1955 Willard Larson (separated, 1981).

3. Doris Louise: b May 20, 1911; m 1st 1936 Harold Hendrickson (d December, 1943); m 2d 1952 Earle Nelson.

4. Carl Lester: b August 13, 1915; m 1st June 16, 1960, Marian Willhouse (divorced), m 2d December, 1968, Aldora Austin.

N.1.1.6.8.10.8.6.2
JAMES ANDERSON WILLITS and MARY WYSONG

James Anderson Willits was born on September 21, 1881. He married in April, 1914, Mary Wysong (b 1882; d 1955). He died February 26, 1965. (Bartlett, pages 258-259).

1. Lucy Jane: b March 10, 1915; m 1st Jack Weislman; m 2d Lester Stuwe.

2. James Thomas: b September 5, 1916; m Maxine Delphy. (Bartlett, page 341).

    1. Beverly Rosemarie: b November 22, 1944; m James Hutchinson.

    2. Iris Elaine: b May 20, 1947; m Jack Hutchinson.

    3. Shelley June: b June 2, 1953; m Ken Zeigler.

3. Robert Adolphus: b July 6, 1910; m abt 1832 Betty Jane Woodcock. See next N.1.1.6.8.10.8.6.2.3..

4. Russell Ledrew: b June 19, 1921; m Eleanor Hegland. See next N.1.1.6.8.10.8.6.2.4.

N.1.1.6.8.10.8.6.2.3
ROBERT ADOLPHUS WILLITS and BETTY JANE WOODCOCK

Robert Adolphus Willits was born on July 6, 1910. He married Betty Jane Woodcock. (Bartlett, pages 341-343).

1. James Anthony: b February 7, 1941; m 1st Dee Sagger; m 2d Carol Dailey.

2. Connie Jane: b December 14, 1943; m Steve Swedberg.

3. Sherry Mae: b October 12, 1952 (twin): m Daryl Halley.

4. Carey Rae: b October 12, 1952 (twin).

N.1.1.6.8.10.8.6.2.4
RUSSELL LEDREW WILLITS and ELEANOR HEGLAND

Russell Ledrew Willits was born on June 19, 1921. He married Eleanor Hegland. (Bartlett, pages 342-343).

1. Gary Allen: b July 26, 1946; m Sharon Abilla.

    1. Deborah Ann:

    2. Michelle Lee: b October 1, 1966 (adopted).

2. Dennis Roy: b October 20, 1949.

3. Dale Randall: b August 23, 1952; m Terry Toomey.

N.1.1.6.8.10.8.6.5
CLAIR WILLITS of Illinois

Clair Willits was born on March 27, 1889, in Mercer County, Illinois. He married 1st about 1919 Ruth Tallman. He married 2d Grace Balker. He died on May 9, 1980. (Bartlett, page 260).

1. William Henry: b July 7, 1919; m Patricia Jane Sexton.

2. Clair, Jr: b June 8, 1922; m Dot Cotton. (Bartlett, page 260).

    1. Robert Allen: b November 20, 1948; m Cheryl Keller.

        1. Michael Allen: b February 17, 1974.

    2. Judith Marie: b May 6, 1951; m Roger Pedersen.

        1. Heather Marie Pedersen: b April 24, 1973.

3. Laurie Ann: b April 5, 1952.

4. Debra Clair: b September 14, 1954; m William Nokes.

3. Patricia Ruth: b May 7, 1929; m Calvin Holland.

N.1.1.6.8.10.8.6.6
LLOYD WILLITS and PEARL BJORK of Illinois

Lloyd Willits was born on March 29, 1891. He married about 1917 Pearl Bjork. He died on September 24, 1963.

1. Richard Allen: b October 29, 1937; m Jerily Sere Watson. (Bartlett, page 345).

1. Richard Allen, Jr: b October 30, 1966.

2. Robert Andrew: b September 25, 1970.

N.1.1.6.8.12
WILLIAM WILLITS and JANE of Green's Fork, Wayne County, Indiana

William Willits was born in 1781 in Northumberland County, Pennsylvania. He removed about 1802 to Ohio. He married 1st in 1804 Mary? Lewis. They lived in Salt Creek Township, Pickaway County, Ohio, in 1813, and he was in Wayne County, Indiana, in 1820.

William married 2d in Wayne County, Indiana, on March 4, 1832, Jane (Drury?) (b 1769 in Tennessee). William died on his farm in the valley of Green's Fork, Wayne County, Indiana, on October 12, 1858. (Bartlett, pages 78, 205).

1. Harriet: b abt 1806; m March 26, 1822, in Wayne County, Indiana, Samuel Creviston.

2. Levi: b May 31, 1808; m December 1, 1832, Clarinda Drury (b July 11, 1811, in Wayne County, Illinois; d 1896); d March 2, 1858.

3. Charles: b abt 1810; m July 30, 1835, Hannah Kirlin.

4. Theodoria: b 1812; m Hendrix.

5. Naomi: b abt 1815; m John Fraley.

6. Abigail: b abt 1817; m Hugh Hannah.

7. Amos: b abt 1820.

8. Rachel: b abt 1823; m February 7, 1839, Richard Titherington.

9. Joshua: b 1827.

10. Margaret: b 1832.

N.1.1.6.10
ISAIAH WILLITS and SUSANNAH BOONE of Berks County, Pennsylvania

Isaiah Willits was born on December 19, 1732, at Secatague (now Islip), Suffolk County, Long Island, New York. He was raised in Quaker family.

On October 23, 1755, he married before a justice in (then) Berks County, Pennsylvania, Susannah Boone (b March 17, 1739; d March 20, 1800), the daughter of Samuel and (Cassell) Boone, and first cousin to Daniel Boone. On July 29, 1756, the Exeter Meeting disowned Isaiah for marrying out of meeting. Suannah was also disowned in the following year on July 28, 1757. Isaiah never rejoined the Quaker faith.

In September, 1761, Isaiah and Susannah Willits, and Ellis Hughes (son of Amy Willits Hughes, and grandson of Thomas Willits) and wife Hannah, brought the "Messauge Plantation" on Bohandy Creek, Berks County, Pennsylvania. It had a house, out house, barns, stables, gradens, orchards, fields, fences, ways and woods, water mill, dam mill, races, corn mill, and saw mill (Bartlett, page 42). I mention this, because it does not seem to reflect the same person who wandered in Kentucky during the Revolution and who was described as "poor."

Isaiah Willits made other purchases. On February 25, 1762, he purchased from George Gardner about 140 acres in the New Purchase, Berks County, Pennsylvania (Bartlett, page 85). On May 22, 1762, he purchased about 500 acres at Mahoning, Berks (nopw Schyulkill) County. In 1765, Isaiah began selling his lands in the New Purchase. When the Revolution began, Isaiah and his brother, Isaac, evidently moved into the interior into the westn lands of Virginia (now Kentucky, Tennessee, and Ohio).

> "Isaiah and his wife, Susannah, having sold their land in Berks County, Pennsylvania, for the previous three years (1768 or earlier), were living in Prince Georges County, Maryland. Isaiah's sister, Jemimia (Willits) Green, had removed before hand near Georgetown, Maryland; and Susannah's brother Samuel Boone, was known to have lived in Frederick, Maryland" (Bartlett, page 43).

It was said of Isaiah and his brother, Isaac, that they:

> "lived at the time of the Revolutionary War in Kentucky, and were Friends and Quakers; did not believe in war or strive of any kind. They were poor, and as most people were in those days, but got along without, going from place to place, harassed by Indians, British, and Whigs, but were peaceable, good men, and would have died before they would have gone unto murdering their fellow man" (Bartlett, page 89).

Isaiah Willits died on September 13, 1793, probably in or near York County, Pennsylvania.

(Bartlett, pages 82, 91, 205ff).

1. Rachel: b March 5, 1757, in Berks County, Pennsylvania; m in Maryland 1776 William Drury (b July 24, 1750; d December 25, 1823, in Wayne County, Indiana), the son of Edward

and Sarah Drury; d 1838. See Bartlett, pages 206-207, for information on descendents of this family.

2. Martha: b February 5, 1759; m May 27, 1794, Joseph Glancey and lived near New Haven, Hamilton County, Ohio.

1. Joseph Glancey: b May 27, 1794, near Harrisonburg, Pennsylvania.

2. John Glancey: b January 11, 1800; in York County, Pennsylvania.

3. Martha Glancey: b abt 1802.

3. Jemima: b May 10, 1761, in Berks County, Pennsylvania; never married.

4. Hannah: b May 5, 1764, in Berks County, Pennsylvania.

5. Deborah: b February 24, 1766, in Berks County, Pennsylvania; lived in York County before moving to Ohio, then in 1812 to Indiana; m 1st Eli Mills; m 2d Robert Moore; d 1832. (Bartlett, pages 210-212, for descendents).

6. Samuel: b September 16, 1768; m Lydia Mills. See next N.1.1.6.10.6.

7. Thomas: b November 15, 1770.

8. Isaac: b October 20, 1772, near the Susquehanna River, Pennsylvania; m 1st 1793 Rachel Brady; m 2d Miriam Jones; m 3d Mary Bishop; d 1844 in Mercer County, Illinois. See next N.1.1.6.10.8.

9. Elizabeth: b December 23, 1774. (Bartlett, page 220).

10. James: b April 3, 1777; m abt 1797 Amy Allison; lived in Wyoming County, Pennsylvania about 1798; d March 7, 1851, at Jackson Township, Wayne County, Indiana; buried in the Franklin Cemetery, Pennville, Indiana. See next N.1.1.6.10.10.

11. (daughter): b June, 1779; died young.

12. Isaiah: b July 7, 1782; died young.

N.1.1.6.10.6
SAMUEL WILLITS and LYDIA MILLS
of York County, Pennsylvania and Wayne County, Indiana

Samuel Willits was born on September 16, 1768, in Maryland. He married about 1800 Lydia Mills. They lived in York County, Pennsylvania, until the mid-1820s. His son, Isaiah:

> was born in York County, Pennsylvania, on November 2, 1812, where his boyhood days were spent in rambling over the rocky bluffs and helping his father ona small farm. In 1826, the family moved to Wayne County,

Indiana, where he engaged in farming near Centerville, ten miles west of Richmond" (Bartlett, page 212).

1. Amy: b abt 1805; m Addison Reynolds.

2. Hannah: b November 12, 1807; m abt 1830 Robert Scott; d October 7, 1882, in Henry County, Indiana.

3. Edilda: b abt 1810; m abt 1830 Enoch Hosier.

4. Isaiah: b November 2, 1812, in York County, Pennsylvania; m April 4, 1839, Elizabeth Reynolds, the daughter of Caleb Reynolds; d February, 1892. See next N.1.1.6.10.6.4.

5. Lydia Ann: b abt 1815; m abt 1825 John McGrew.

N.1.1.6.10.6.4

ISAIAH WILLITS and ELIZABETH REYNOLDS of Keithsburg, Henderson County, Illinois

Isaiah Willits was born in November 2, 1812, in York County, Pennsylvania. As a young man he went west and to Mercer County, Illinois.

"In 1835, he came to Mercer County, Illinois, where he took a claim near Pope Mills, now known as the Old Frick Farm. He went back to Indiana several times for cattle, driving them through on horseback, until 1838, when he permenantly settled at Bald Bluff, Henderson County, erected a rude log cabion and endured all the hardships and privations known to early settlers" (Bartlett, page 213).

"One day a long line of Indians, some four or five hundred, came over the bluff on their ponies and circled him, he thought his end had come. The trail up river led over the big bluff, and when he saw the redskins swooping down, he assumed their errant was not friendly. But, Keokuk was with them and he could talk English, and his fears were soon allayed. They were tribes of Sacs, and Foxes on their way to their reservations on the Des Moines" (Bartlett, page 213).

"In the spring of 1839, Isaiah Willits married Elizabeth Reynolds, the daughter of Caleb Reynolds) ... Indians were plentiful in the early days and always wanted to see the papoose. Mrs. Willits feared they would carry away some of the children, but they never caused her any trouble" (Bartlett, page 57).

"The dusty natives committed no depredations, but white men stole Isaiah's five horses and got away with them. The thieves were trailed northeast for some distance, but the chase was abandoned and the horses never recovered. Horse stealing was common then, and certain whites in the vicinity were suspected, but never connected with the

theft. It was a heavy loss for a family trying to forge ahead under primitive conditions" (Bartlett, page 57).

"Then, too, their log house was destroyed by fire not long after it was built, and most of the household goods went up with it. The fire was started from the chimney, built of sticks and mud, not a very safe flue for a fireplace. However, the neighbors pitched in and built another log cabin and they were soon cozy and safe again" (Bartlett, page 57).

Isaiah Willits married Elizabeth Reynolds on April 4, 1839 (Isaiah Willit's Family Bible). He died on November 15, 1883.

1. Joshua: b March 13, 1840, in Henderson County, Illinois; m December 31, 1873, in Mercer County, Illinois, Clara (Caroline) Willits (b 1850 in Illinois); d February 13, 1899. See next N.1.1.6.10.6.4.1.

2. Emily: b November 11, 1841, in Henderson County, Illinois; m November 16, 1880, Augustine B. Childs (b 1817). Emily was his 2d wife. She was 37; he was 63. (Katherine Reynolds had been Augustine Childs' 1st wife); d February 11, 1919.

1. Augustine B. Childs:

2. Elizabeth M. Childs:

3. Calvin Burr Childs:

3. Leander (son): b November 21, 1843; unmarried in 1882; d April 25, 1923.

4. Minerva: b September 6, 1845; d July 22, 1918.

5. Byron: b April 5, 1847; d November 21, 1847.

6. Jo. H: b August 26, 1848; m Wird, a teacher in the graded schools in Keithsburg, and in 1881 at State Normal, Bloomington, Illinois.

7. Azro Patterson: b July 19, 1850; m 1st January 19, 1881, Lizzie F. Whiting; he was a physician; m 2d November, 1899, Mrs. Jennie Worden.

8. William Andrew: b November 10, 1852, near Bald Bluff, Henderson County, Illinois; a teacher and principal of Kiethsburg schools; m December 31, 1883, Tillie Stahl; d December 4, 1925, at Verdurette farm near New Boston, Mercer County, Illinois. See next N.1.1.6.10.6.4.8

9. Leone O: b August 11, 1885; unmarried in 1882; d November 14, 1916.

10. Lydia Ann: b January 12, 1859, near Keithsburg, Mercer County, Illinois; m November 16, 1881, Heman A. Childs (b 1862; d 1925); resided in Keithsburg.

1. Merlin Willits Childs: b August 29, 1885, near Keithsburg, Mercer County, Illinois; m January 25, 1915, at Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, Zola Lease (b April 5, 1892, in Springfield, Missouri; d November 23, 1966, at Elgin, Kane County, Illinois); d October 29, 1965, in Glen Ellyn, Dupage County, Illinois.

1. Dean Lease Childs: b May 1, 1934, in Downers Grove, Dupage County, Illinois; m at Union Church of Hinsdale, Dupage County, Illinois, Marilyn Ann Dierks (b March 20, 1939, Hinsdale, Dupage County, Illinois); resides 553 Yale, West Chicago, Illinois; daughter Lisa Ann Childs: b October 6, 173, Englewood, Arapahoe County, Colorado.

N.1.1.6.10.6.4.1
JOSHUA WILLITS and CLARA WILLITS of Mercer County, Illinois

Joshua Willits was born on March 13, 1840, in Henderson County, Illinois. He married on December 31, 1873, in Mercer County, Illinois, Clara (Caroline) Willits (b 1850 in Illinois); d February 13, 1899. (Bartlett, pages 268-269).

1. Norman: b December 6, 1875, in Illinois.

2. Harry: b July 5, 1879.

N.1.1.6.10.6.4.8
WILLIAM ANDREW WILLITS and TILLIE STAHL of Mercer County, Illinois

William Andrew Willits was born on November 10, 1852, near Bald Bluff, Henderson County, Illinois. He was a teacher and principal of Kiethsburg schools, Mercer County. He married on December 31, 1882, Tillie Stahl. He died on December 4, 1925, at Verdurette farm near New Boston, Mercer County, Illinois.

1. Robert W: b October 22, 1882; lived in Joy, Mercer County, Illinois (1925).

2. Hattie O: b March 19, 1889; of Peoria (1925); m Anderson.

3. Lawrence: b April, 1892; of New Boston (1925).

4. Loren: b abt 1895; m Estelle; of New Boston.

N.1.1.6.10.8

ISAAC WILLITS of Wayne County, Indiana, and Mercer County, Illinois

Isaac Willits was born on October 20, 1772, near the Susequehanna River, in Pennsylvania. About 1793, Isaac married 1st, probably in York County, Pennsylvania, Rachel Brady (January 9, 1777; d September 9, 1816, near West Union). (Ted Bartlett discusses the possibility that she may have been Rachel Willits, thed daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth Willits; see page 95).

Isaac was a Quaker; but he became disassociated from them for a while, perhaps (and this is only conjecture) for marrying outside of the Quaker faith or with the help of a "hireling minister." About 1800, they removed to Ohio, and in 1809 were living in Clear Creek Township (now called Salt Creek Township), Fairfield County (now Pickaway County), Ohio. On June 22, 1811, he sold his land at Salt Creek and on October 22, 1811, bought 155 acres at Milton, Washington Township, Wayne County, Indiana.

Rachel probably died about 1815.

Isaac rejoined the Quaker Meeting in 1816. He married 2d on October 29, 1817, at the Whitewater Meeting House, Richmond, Wayne County, Indiana, Mrs. Miriam (Jones) Nixon, widow, the daughter of Joseph and Mary Jones.

The life and discipline required of a Quaker was not for everyone; it was particularly difficult for the young frontier children of a pioneer family to follow in the faith.

> "However, in the 1820s, some of the children were disowned for various reasons: Mark and Newton for deviating from plainness and nonattendance; Joshua for deviating from plainness, using profane language and dancing; Maria for marriage contrary to discipline. From 1828 to 1830, Isaac, his 2d wife Miriam, and all his children who were still Quaker members, were disowned by the Orthox Quaker for joining the Hicksite faction of Quakers in Milford" (Bartlett, page 47).

In the 1830s, Isaac made various purchases in Milton, Washington Township, and Pennville, Harrison Township, Wayne County.

> "In the spring of 1836, Isaac and his grandson Milton (son of Reuben) moved to Mercer County. Isaac returned for a short time the next year to Wayne County, Indiana, to marry Mary Bishop, his third time (June 11, 1837, at Wayne County, Indiana). Since the marriage was a civil ceremony, it was contrary to discipline, and Milford (Hicksite Quaker) Meeting disowned Isaac in 1838" (Bartlett, page 50).

Isaac died between October 29, 1844, and November 13, 1844, at Mercer County, Illinois, at the age of 72 years.

> "I, Isaac Willits of the County of Mercer and State of Illinois, do make and publish this my last will and testament, in manner and form following:

1st: it is my will that my funeral expenses and all my just debts be fully paid;

2d: I give, devise and bequeath to my beloved wife, Mary Willits, in lieu of her dower, my family carriage and harness, also, one hundred dollars in household furniture, to be selected by herself, together with eight hundred and fifty dollars, in manner and form following, to wit: it is my will that so soon as my executors can settle my estate and obtain so much money that they can pay her four hundred dollars, and the remaining four hundred and fifty dollars will be paid in six annual, and equal installments provided however, that at her death the payments cease;

3d: It is further my will that what ever may remain of my estate, both real, and personal, be converted into cash and equally distributed to my lawful heirs, to wit: Harriet Moore, Mark Willits, Joshua Willits (deceased), Belinda Moore, Reuben Willits (deceased), Maria Rumley, and Newton I. Willits, to them and their heirs and assigns forever.

And lastly, I hereby appoint and construc(t) Dr. Thomas Willits and Frederick Frick to be the executors for this my last will and testament revoking and annulling all former wills by me made, and ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and Seal this 12th day of March, One thousand, eight hundred and forty two.

Isaac Willits"

Mrs. Mary (Bishop) Willits, widow, married in 1850 Jesse Bond of Greene Fork, Wayne County, Indiana.

(Bartlett, page 95-120; 213ff).

1. Brady M: b July 3, 1794, in Pennsylvania; m 1st April 14, 1819, at West Union Meeting, Wayne County, Indiana, Susannah Lacey (b August 22, 1798; d April 24, 1864); m 2d November 21, 1873, in Abington Township, Mercer County, Illinois, Mahala Glancey; d August 21, 1873, at the age of 80. See next N.1.1.6.10.8.1.

2. Harriet: b June 22, 1797; m March 30, 1821, Thomas Moore, the son of Robert and Deborah (Willits) Moore; resided in Wayne County, Indiana.

3. Mark: b November 29, 1800, in Ohio; m November 30, 1824, Harriet Fox; d January 2, 1862. See next N.1.1.6.10.8.3.

4. Joshua: b April 5, 1803; m March 8, 1827, Eliza P. Kibbey; resided in Mercer County, Illinois; d before November 19, 1844. (Bartlett, page 217).

5. Reuben: b May 2, 1805; m February 23, 1826, Mary Harris. See next N.1.1.6.10.8.5.

6. Belinda: b November 16, 1807.

7. Maria: b April 16, 1810.

8. Newton Isaac: b August 12, 1812; m July 18, 1832, Mary Raden; d 1858. See next N.1.1.6.10.8.8.

9. Henry: b abt 1815; (only child of 2d wife).

N.1.1.6.10.8.1
BRADY M. WILLITS of Mercer County, Illinois

Brady M. Willits was born on July 3, 1794, in Pennsylvania. His parents moved westward to Wayne County, Indiana, about 1810.

Brady married 1st on April 14, 1819, at West Union Meeting, Wayne County, Indiana, Susannah Lacey (b August 22, 1798; d April 24, 1864).

> "On January 24, 1829, it was reported to Milford (Orthodox Quaker) Meeting that Brady M. Willits had joined the Hicksite faction of Quakers, and Milford disowned him" (Bartlett, page 214).
>
> "He emigrated to Indiana at an early day, and in the Spring of 1834, in company with William Willits, William Drury, Joseph Glancey, and a few others, made his home in this (Mercer) County" (Bartlett, page 214).

Brady married 2d on November 1, 1866, in Mercer County, Illinois, Mahala Glancey (d after 1882). He died on August 21, 1873, in his 80th year, in Abington Township, Mercer County, Illinois, at the age of 80.

1. William: b April 17, 1820; m abt 1840 Margaret Frances Burnell; d April 11, 1873, at Newman, Kansas.

2. Ruth: b November 2, 1821; d 1824.

3. Thomas Elwood: b November 5, 1824; m 1857 in New Boston, Charlotte Hall Ives; d September 10, 1881, at Newman, Kansas.

4. Mary Jane: b August 29, 1826; m March 10, 1846, Anderson Kirlin; d April 26, 1876, at New Boston, Mercer County, Illinois.

5. Rebecca C: b December 9, 1828; d January 18, 1835.

6. Marie: b June 12, 1831; d 1832.

7. Phoebe Ann: b November 1, 1835, in Wayne County, Ohio.

N.1.1.6.10.8.3
MARK WILLITS and HARRIET FOX
of Wayne County, Indiana, and Mercer County, Illinois

Mark Willits was born on November 29, 1800, in Ohio. He was probably a Quaker until his marriage. He married on November 30, 1824, in Washington County, Indiana (or Wayne County), Harriet Fox.

They lived at Milton, Wayne County, Indiana. About the fall of 1834, they moved to New Boston, Mercer County, Illinois.

> "The family's original home was in Wayne County, Indiana, near the city of Richmond, but in company with other relatives emigrated west in the fall of 1834 to the prairies of western Illinois, going first to the home of David Shaunce, at the time one of only two firesides in Elizabeth Township. In this party from Indiana with Dr. Mark Willits and family was the family of Jesse Willits, and together located on Section 32 near the Shaunce homestaed. The eldest daughter, Arelda, here grew to womanhood amid the freedom but scant comforts of a frontier life. These were the days of the log house with a latch string, the large open fire place and the sanded floor" (Bartlett, pages 124-125).

> "In September, Dr. Mark Willits enlisted as surgeon of the Third Brigade, Fifth Division, Illinois Volunteers, from Mercer County. He was also the Probate Justice of the Peace for Mercer County that year. In 1840, Dr. Mark Willits settled in New Boston, the first resident doctor in that locale" (Bartlett, page 50).

Mark Willits moved into Millersburg Township, Mercer County, late in 1839 and made several city lot purchases. On August 7, 1850, he was living in Beloit, Rock County, Wisconsin. He died on January 2, 1862, in Monroe, Green County, Wisconsin.
(Bartlett, page 122-134, 216; 1850 Rock County, Wisconsin, census).

1. William Henry: b October 30, 1825, in Indiana; went out to the California gold rush. (1850 Rock County, Wisconsin, census). See next N.1.1.6.10.8.3.1.

2. Charles Martin: b December 18, 1826; m 1st May 6, 1848, Sarah Emily Hill; m 2d December 24, 1891, Catherine M. Lewis; d November 5, 1913. See next N.1.1.6.10.8.3.2.

3. Arelda J: b abt 1828; m December 9, 1847, Benijah Lloyd; d November 16, 1905.

4. Alonzo Harrington: b January 20, 1830; m abt 1849 Imogene Baldwin; d February 13, 1914, in Southside Township, Wright County, Minnesota. See next N.1.1.6.10.8.3.4.

5. Melissa Bloomfield: b September 10, 1832; m abt 1855 1st King; m 2d Abraham Peckingham. (1850 Rock County, Wisconsin, census).

6. George Amaziah: b May 26, 1834, in Illinois; enlisted in Company C, 3d Regiment, United States Horse Artillery, during the Civil War; m March 5, 1859, at Beloit, Rock County, Wisconsin, Charlotte M. Jones. (1850 Rock County, Wisconsin, census).

7. Electra Clarissa: b April 20, 1836, in Mercer County, Illinois; m February 14, 1854 (Valentine's Day) in Rock Island County, Illinois, Jonathan Bartlett. He was city marshall of Marengo, Iowa County, Iowa, in 1866; however, he was a physician by profession, which profession he practiced until his death. She died April 17, 1915, age 78 years, 11 months, and 28 days. (Bartlett, pages 138-139).

1. Clarence O. Bartlett: b 1855.

2. Francis Carlton Bartlett: b 1868.

3. Edgar D. Bartlett: b 1869.

4. Amelia Bartlett: b abt 1870.

5. Boyd Bartlett: b abt 1872.

6. (daughter) Bartlett: b abt 1875.

7. Anna Bartlett: b abt 1877.

8. Reuben Hiram: b June 15, 1839, in Mercer County, Illinois. (1850 Rock County, Wisconsin, census).

9. Belinda Electra: b April 17, 1842, in Mercer County, Illinois. (1850 Rock County, Wisconsin, census).

10. Sarah Allis: b July 9, 1844, in Mercer County, Illinois. (1850 Rock County, Wisconsin, census).

N.1.1.6.10.8.3.1
WILLIAM HENRY WILLITS and NANCY HILL
of Sonoma County, and Los Angeles, California

William Henry Willits was born on October 30, 1825, in Indiana. His father moved to New Boston, Mercer County, Illinois, when he was a young boy.

> "William Henry went to California in 1849 and took up timber claims at Greenville, near Santa Rosa" (Bartlett, page 274).

He was in the Big Bottom, Sonoma County, in 1853. In February, 1859, he bought land in a tract at a site:

> "beginning at a big redwood tree (blazed) about 15 miles below Healdsburg in the northwest side of Russian River at the foot of a small hit about opposite a redwood Cenion called the Pocket" (Bartlett, page 52).

He "entered the first claim upon the site of the Great Eastern Quicksilver Mine in 1863, and became a director in its operation. There was eventually cut upon his land some 18 million feet of timber" (Bartlett, page 50).

"As he prospered, he bought out all of his brothers there, with the exception of Alonzo H." (Bartlett, page 52).

He married about 1875 Nancy A. Hill (b September, 1834, in Indiana), the daughter of William and Hannah (Ballard) Hill. In 1880, he was living on Main Street in Guerneville, Sonoma County, California. Eventually, in 1881, he settled in comfort to a fine home in Santa Rosa. In 1900, he was living in Los Angeles.
(Bartlett, pages 274-275).

1. Mary B: b 1876, in California; died early.

N.1.1.6.10.8.3.2
CHARLES MARTIN WILLITS of Rock Island, Illinois, and Los Angeles, California

Charles Martin Willits was born on December 18, 1826, in Wayne County, Indiana. He married 1st on May 6, 1848, at Rock Island, Illinois, Sarah Emily Hill (b November 17, 1831; d January 15, 1890). They resided at Centreville, Wayne County, Illinois.

"Charles M. volunteered in the Federal Army in September, 1861, and served in the 84th Indiana Regiment; later Lieutenant in the 118th Indiana Regiment; mustered out at close of the war in 1865; came to California in 1876" (Bartlett, page 275).

In the 1880s, he lived at Guerneville Township, Sonoma County, California. He married 2d on December 24, 1891, Catherine M. Lewis Harding; d November 5, 1913, in Los Angeles, California. (Bartlett, pages 275-280).

1. William M: b November 25, 1849, in Indiana; m abt 1875 Alice V. Norton; living in 1913 in California. (Bartlett, page 277).

    1. Charles N: b September 6, 1881, in California.

2. Eudora Belle: b February 28, 1852, in Illinois; m abt 1875 James M. Mantz (b abt 1846); living in 1913, in Arcadia, Indiana.

3. Frank B: b November 25, 1853, in Illinois; m abt 1875 Julia Steele.

4. Amanda D: b October 25, 1860, in Indiana; m 1st abt 1880 Eugene Caylet (d February 5, 1897); m 2d after 1897 Joshua Whited.

5. Annie A: b February 28, 1865, in Indiana; m 1st abt 1888 Charles Hill; m 2d Hiram Sinks Willits.

6. Charles H: b August 16, 1867; d June 12, 1869.

7. Walter O: b July 12, 1871; d September 18, 1872.

8. Bessie: b June 6, 1878; d November 24, 1879.

N.1.1.6.10.8.3.4
ALONZO HARRINGTON WILLITS and IMOGENE BALDWIN of Marenzo County, Iowa

Alonzo Harrington Willits was born on January 20, 1830. He married about 1849 in Wisconsin Imogene Baldwin. Soon after their marriage, they went to Marngo, Iowa. In 1863, and 1865, he was a county Judge. Possibly, he may have been a circuit riding Judge, or his circuit included Iowa County, Iowa, also, as his name frequently appears there. In 1908, he was living in South Haven, Minnesota.

He died on February 13, 1914, in Southside Township, Wright County, Minnesota. (Bartlett, page 284).

1. Clara: b abt 1850; d before 1910.

2. William: b abt 1852.

3. Albert G: b December 6, 1858, in Michigan (Wisconsin?); m abt 1880 Cora E. Thomas (b December, 1860, in Missouri). See next N.1.1.6.10.8.3.4.3.

4. Clara: b abt 1860; d before 1910.

5. Charles: b abt 1862; d before 1910.

N.1.1.6.10.8.3.4.3
ALBERT G. WILLITS and CORA E. THOMAS of Minneapolis, Minnesota

Albert G. Willits was born on December 6, 1858, in Wisconsin. He married about 1880 Cora E. Thomas. He was an ostepath physician in Minneapolis, Minnesota (Bartlett, pages 284-285).

Ted Bartlett, in his Willits Family, 1982, makes the proposition that Cora E. (Thomas) Willits is the unidentified author who lived in Cold Spring Harbor, Long Island, New York, and authored The Willits Papers of 1910. (Bartlett, page 285).

1. Guy L: b July 19, 1887, in Minnesota.

2. Eleanor: b July 20, 1896, in Minnesota.

N.1.1.6.10.8.5
REUBEN WILLITS and MARY HARRIS of Wayne County, Indiana

Reuben Willits was born on May 2, 1805. He married on February 23, 1826, Mary Harris. They resided at Richmond, Wayne County, Indiana. They died in the spring of 1834 within a day of each other of "milk-sickness."
(Willits, page 217-218).

1. Milton L: b November 13, 1826, in Wayne County, Indiana. See next N.1.1.6.10.8.5.1.

2. Mary: b 1828; m abt 1850 Jacob Cooper.

3. Minerva H: b December 29, 1829, in Wayne County, Indiana.

4. Hannah M: b fall of 1833; orphaned at 9 months of age.

N.1.1.6.10.8.5.1
MILTON L. WILLITS and SARAH J. KIRLIN of Wayne County, Indiana

Milton L. Willits was born on November 13, 1826, in Wayne County, Indiana. He spent 3 years in California, from the summer of 1850 until the spring of 1853. He returned to New Boston and started a lumber yard in partnership with Anderson Kirlin. He married on October 25, 1854, Sarah J. Kirlin. (Bartlett, pages 314-316).

1. Horace: b July 31, 1855; m abt 1880 Ida McGrew.

    1. Fannie: m Peter King of Westwood Village, California.

    2. Alta: m McGrath of Los Angeles, California.

2. Mary L: December 23, 1856; d October 31, 1857.

3. Homer C. (possibly Clint): b January 8, 1858; m Adda Kiddo; lived onthe west coast.

4. Lavina H: b March 25, 1859, in Illinois; m abt 1880 Levi Lewis.

5. Elias M: b December 13, 1860, in Illinois.

7. William R: b September 23, 1862, in Illinois; d October 25, 1879.

7. Minnie D: b March 3, 1864, in Illinois.

8. Frederick: b June 22, 1866, in Illinois; d June 5, 1873.

9. Ruth: b November 6, 1867; d August 26, 1869.

10. Sarah J: b February 8, 1869; d March 17, 1869.

N.1.1.6.10.8.8
NEWTON ISAAC WILLITS and MARY RADEN of Union County, Illinois

Newton Isaac Willits was born on August 12, 1812, Indiana. He married on July 18, 1832, MAry Raden (b abt 1815 in Virginia). They resided at Richmond, Wayne County, Indiana; later on April 22, 1845, they were living in Union County, Illinois. He died in 1858. (Bartlett, pages 318-319).

1. Anna M: b 1834 in Illinois.

2. George A: b 1838 in Illinois; in 1870 resided in New Boston Township, Mercer County, Illinois; m Phebe Ann (b abt 1842 in Illinois). (Bartlett, page 319).

    1. Jennie: b abt 1865 in Illinois.

    2. Nettie: b abt 1868 in Illinois.

3. John L: b 1843 in Illinois.

4. Lewis: b 1847 in Illinois.

5. Viola: b 1849 in Illinois.

N.1.1.6.10.10
JAMES WILLITS and AMY ALLISON of Ross and Pickaway Counties, Ohio

James Willits was born on April 3, 1777, in Pennsylvania. He lived in Wyoming County, Pennsylvania, about 1798.

> "James was said to have driven a wagon from Wyoming County, Pennsylvania, to the Hockhocking area of Ohio. On the way, he stopped at Catawissa, Pennsylvania, to pick up some cousins who were leaving that town after the death of their husband and father, James Allison" (Bartlett, page 220).

James Willits married, in Ohio, Amy Allison (b October 21, 1784; d April 1, 1851), the daughter of James and Margaret (Willits) Allison. They probably lived in Hamilton County, Ohio, for a while, and also by 1828 in Richmond, Wayne County, Indiana.

> "On August 29, 1827, James Willets, and Amy, his wife, of Hamilton County, Ohio, sold land in Wayne County, Indiana, to Isaac Willits of Wayne County" (Bartlett, page 221).

They may have remained in Wayne County until as late as 1837. He died March 7, 1851, at Jackson Township, Wayne County, Pennsylvania. He is buried in the Franklin Cemetery, south of Pennville, Jay County, Indiana. (Bartlett, page 220).

1. Clarissa: b March 20, 1804, in Ross County, Ohio; m November 1, 1827, at New Haven, Hamilton County, Ohio, Griffin Halstead; d August 29, 1864.

2. Thomas: b December 6, 1805; m Catherine Ainsworth Libby (b June 11, 1802, in Currituck County, North Carolina; d October 29, 1884); d November 24, 1884; buried in the New Boston Cemetery, Mercer County, Illinois. See next N.1.1.6.10.10.2.

3. Angelissa: b April 20, 1808, in Pickaway County, Ohio; d an infant.

4. Addison Isaac: b November 22, 1810, in Pickaway County, Ohio; m 1st Susan Lacey; m 2d January 12, 1841, Elizabeth Julian; d April 22, 1858, in Linn County, Ohio.

5. Amos Mills: b October 28, 1814, in Pickaway County, Ohio; m March 31, 1849, Maria Boozer; d February 15, 1899. See next N.1.1.6.10.10.5.

6. Emmerine Susannah: b August 11, 1817, in Pickaway County, Ohio; m September 12, 1837, Henry Kepler; d in Linn County, Ohio.

7. Martha Jane: b February 25, 1820, in Hamilton County, Ohio; m abt 1850 John Scott; d 1910 in Jacksonbury, Wayne County, Indiana.

8. Lindley Murry: b August 24, 1823, in Hamilton County, Ohio; m August 24, 1823, Elizabeth.

N.1.1.6.10.10.2
THOMAS WILLITS and CATHERINE AINSWORTH LIBBY
Henderson County, Illinois, and Mercer County, Ohio

Thomas Willits was born on December 6, 1805. About 1830, he married Catherine Ainsworth Libby (b June 11, 1802, in Currituck County, North Carolina; d October 29, 1884).

> "At the age of twenty (1825), he started out from home with the design of going to St. Louis, but stopped at Montezuma, Parke County, Indiana, where he began the practice of medicine. Inthree or four years, he returned to his father's home which had in the meantime been removed to Richmond, Indiana. He remained there till 1837 and then came west and settled in Warren, now Henderson County, (Illinois), on the line between that and Mercer. There he entered 500 acres of land, which property is now known as the Mickey Farm. Having enclosed a large tract, he gave his attention for a few years to raising stock for market; but after hauling to New Boston, he could obtain only %1.50 per hundred for the hind quarters of neat animals, and $1.00 for fore quarters, while pork bought but $1.25, all in store pay, and corn could not be sold at any price. Not pleased with this state of things, in 1840, he decided to quit farming, and moved to New Boston, and continued his practice. In 1850, he was elected a representative to the legislature from Mercer County and served one term" (Bartlett, pages 221-222).

Thomas Willits died on November 24, 1884, and is buried in New Boston Cemetery, Mercer County, Illinois. (Bartlett, pages 221-222, 320, 325-326).

1. Elmira: b abt 1831; d.y.

2. Leroy: b October 26, 1832, in Indiana; m 1st Louise Hagen (b abt 1838 in Bavaria, Germany; d April 18, 1870, buried in New Boston, Mercer County, Illinois); m 2d Ella I. Lloyd (b 1852; d 1925). See next N.1.1.6.10.10.2.2.

3. Celeste A: b November 16, 1838; m abt 1860 William A. Anderson; d November 16, 1911.

5. Kate Iris: b May 7, 1844; m 1st Thomas Manning; m 2d Thomas McCurdy; d 1882 in Chicago, Illinois.

N.1.1.6.10.10.2.2
LEROY WILLITS of New Boston, Mercer County, Illinois

Leroy Willits was born on October 26, 1832, in Indiana. His parents settled in Mercer County, Illinois, in 1837. He married 1st about 1860 Louise Hagen (b abt 1838 in Bavaria, Germany; d April 18, 1870, buried in New Boston, Mercer County, Illinois).
He married 2d about 1873 Ella I. Lloyd (b 1852; d 1925). (Bartlett, pages 320-325).

1. Vi Ella: b August 26, 1861; m abt 1880 Benjamin Harry Eglin.

2. Fredericka M: b May 3, 1863, in Illinois; m 1st December 24, 1888, George Fields; m 2d February 7, 1894, Ira C. Gibson.

3. Allison Lee: b April 10, 1865; m December 28, 1886, Rose M. Rader, the daughter of Christian and Rachel Rader. (Bartlett, page 321).

1. Scott Allison, Sr: b March 26, 1895.

1. Scott Allison, Jr: b abt 1920.

4. James H: b July 13, 1868, in Illinois; m 1st June 12, 1907, Tina Kunkel; m 2d February 2, 1929, Ruth Gatlin.

1. Forrest Talbot: b May 4, 1908.

5. Louise: b December 18, 1875, in Illinois; m abt 1895 William G. Harrison; d May 27, 1940.

6. Louis: b abt 1877.

7. Lara: b February 4, 1878; m 1st abt 1898 May Mead; m 2d Hattie F. Harrison. See next N.1.1.6.10.10.2.2.7.

8. Hilda: b August 9, 1879, in Illinois; m abt 1900 Elmer Crose.

9. Xen L: b September 25, 1883; m abt 1905 A. Jarves Harrison.

10. Zoe Iris: b May 11, 1885; d November 5, 1887.

11. Thomas B: b September 12, 1886; m February 21, 1917, Bessie Weeks; d December 28, 1955. See next N.1.1.6.10.10.2.2.11.

12. Ira Verne: b August 17, 1890; d August 15, 1891.

13. Bart: b August 6, 1892; m 1st abt 1915 Merle Chapman; m 2d Ethel.

N.1.1.6.10.10.2.2.7
LARA WILLITS of New Boston, Mercer County, Illinois

Lara Willits was born on February 4, 1878. He married 1st about 1898 May Mead; they lived in New Boston, Mercer County, Illinois. He married 2d Hattie F. Harrison. (Bartlett, pages 322-324).

1. Irma Leora: b April 25, 1900.

2. James R: b November 10, 1901, in New Boston, Mercer County, Illinois; d December 2, 1964, at Muscatine, Muscatine County, Iowa.

3. Purn A: b September 13, 1904.

4. Noma: b August 8, 1906; d December 22, 1939.

5. Norman C: b October 8, 1908.

6. Mary Lee Roy: b February 11, 1911.

7. Lloyd I: b October 22, 1916.

8. Robert Marion: b January 6, 1919.

9. William Courtney: b October 27, 1921, at New Boston, Mercer County, Illinois; d March 27, 1967, in Muscatine, Muscatine County, Iowa; buried in New Boston.

10. Hattie May: b October 29, 1924.

11. Russell Lara: b July 13, 1927.

12. Thomas Blaine: b August 25, 1929; d February 19, 1935.

N.1.1.6.10.10.2.2.11

THOMAS B. WILLITS and BESSIE WEEKS of New Boston, Mercer County, Illinois

Thomas B. Willits was born on September 12, 1886. He married on February 21, 1917, Bessie Weeks; they resided in Mercer County, Illinois. He died December 28, 1955. (Bartlett, pages 324-325).

1. Iris Rose: b January 25, 1918.

2. Thomas (Tom) B., Jr: b December 9, 1919.

3. Ruth: b December 9, 1921.

4. Naomi: b December 10, 1923.

5. Bessie Jean: b October 25, 1925.

6. Lloyd M: b July 30, 1927.

N.1.1.6.10.10.5

AMOS MILLS WILLETS and MARIA BOOZER of Pickaway County, Ohio

Amos Mills Willets was born on October 28, 1814, in Pickaway County, Ohio. He married on March 31, 1849, Maria Boozer. He died February 15, 1899.

1. (child):

2. (child):

3. Horatio: b August 16, 1854; m abt 1875 Sarah J. Rich.

4. Cora C: b January 28, 1856; m abt 1880 Elliot Lee.

5. Ward B: b December 7, 1857; m abt 1880 Hattie M. Wise.

6. Myra C: b August 8, 1859; m 1st abt 1880 Homer Shields; m 2d Allen Brown.

N.1.1.7
AMOS WILLETS of Syosset, Nassau County, Long Island, New York

Amos Willets was born in 1685 at Jericho, Nassau County, on Long Island. He was a blacksmith and a farmer who lived at Syosset, Nassau County, Long Island. He married 1st in 1713 Mary Hallock (d in 1716, or 1717), the daughter of John and Abigail (Sweezey) Hallock. His marriage was one of four Willett brothers who married five Hallock sisters.

Amos married 2d in 1719 Rebecca Whitson (d 1755), the daughter of Thomas and Martha (Jones) Whitson (will: March 17, 1746; probated: June 6, 1748). He died in 1748.

(Bookstaver, pages 85-86; Bunker, pages 75-76; Hook, page 76; Wardwell, page 116).

1. Mary: b 1714.

2. Samuel: b 1716; m August 6, 1742, Jane Powell; d 1764. See next N.1.1.7.2.

3. Ruth: b October 16, 1718; m September 7, 1743, Richard Willets (b May 28, 1718; d December 9, 1787), the son of Jacob Willets (N.1.4.5) of Jericho; d 1783.

4. Jacob: b February 19, 1723; m 1744 Hannah Powell, the daughter of John and Margaret Powell; d June 17, 1780. See next N.1.1.7.4.

5. Amos: b 1725; m May 25, 1749, Keziah Platt. See next N.1.1.7.5.

6. Joseph: b May 27, 1728; m 1st Phebe Williams; m 2d May 7, 1755, Hannah Titus, the daughter of William Titus; d May 14, 1799. See next N.1.1.7.6.

7. Jemima: b 1730; m William Jervis.

8. Martha: b 1732; m November 13, 1755, Thomas Prior, the son of Samuel and Mary (Powell) Prior.

9. Hannah: b September 7, 1734; m 1756 Wait Powell; d May 19, 1804. (Bookstaver, page 88).

    1. Willett Powell: b abt 1758.

    2. Rebecca Powell: b abt 1760.

10. Thomas: b January 4, 1738; m March 3, 1762, Leah Seaman (b 1744; d 1813), the daughter of Zebulon Seaman; d 1813. See next N.1.1.7.10.

11. Catherine: b September 29, 1739; m April 17, 1760, Jacob Underhill; d February 9, 1819.

12. Mary: b 1741; d June 8, 1818, age 74 years.

13. Sarah: b abt 1743; m April 6, 1785, John Willis (as his 2d wife); no issue.

N.1.1.7.2
SAMUEL WILLETS and JANE POWELL of Long Island, New York

Samuel Willits was born in 1716 on Long Island, New York. He married on August 2, 1742, Jane Powell, the daughter of Wait and Mary (Mudge) Powell. He died in 1764. (Bookstaver, page 87).

1. Jemima: b abt 1745; m November 15, 1773 Amos Powell, the son of Joshua Powell.

2. Ann: b abt 1747; m November 17, 1773, Zebulon Powell, the son of Isaac Powell.

3. Mary (twin): b abt 1760; m 1784 Jonah Willets, the son of David Willets; d 1821.

4. Amy (twin): b abt 1760; m 1782 Daniel Titus, the son of Henry and Sarah (Birdsall) Titus.

5. Wait: b abt 1762; probably named after his grandfather, Wait Powell; m abt 1785 Mary Post, the daughter of John Post. See next N.1.1.7.2.5.

N.1.1.7.2.5
WAIT WILLETS and MARY POST of Long Island, New York

Wait Willets was born about 1762; he was probably named after his grandfather, Wait Powell. He married about 1785 Mary Post, the daughter of John Post.

1. Samuel: b abt 1787; m Hannah Carpenter.

2. John: b abt 1790; m Elizabeth Horton.

3. Henry: b abt 1792; m Tompkins.

4. Sarah: b abt 1795.

5. Phebe: b abt 1797.

6. Amy: b abt 1800; m Eleazar Thrall.

7. Mary: b abt 1802.

8. Jane: b abt 1805.

N.1.1.7.4
JACOB WILLETS and HANNAH POWELL of Bethpage, Nassau County, New York

Jacob Willets was born on April (2d month) 19, 1723, on Long Island, New York. He married in January (11th month), 1744, Hannah Powell (b August 17, 1725, at Bethpage, Long Island; d January 17, 1816, at Bethpage, or Islip, Long Island), the daughter of John and Margaret (Hallock) Powell.

Jacob was raised (and raised his family) in the Quaker faith. He died on June 17, 1780, at Bethpage, Long Island. (Bookstaver, pages 88-89; Bunker, page 77).

1. John: b September 3, 1745. See next N.1.1.7.4.1.

2. Job: b July 10, 1748, at Islip, Suffolk County, Long Island; m 1763 Deborah Udall; d November 14, 1820. See next N.1.1.7.4.2.

3. Jacob: b November 20, 1750. See next N.1.1.7.4.3.

4. Daniel: b May 24, 1753; m abt 1775 Martha Seaman; d 1825. See next N.1.1.7.4.4.

5. Henry: b October 13, 1755.

6. James: b May 1, 1758; m 1784 Johanna Titus, the daughter of Henry Titus. See next N.1.1.7.4.6.

7. Thomas: b September 12, 1760. See next N.1.1.7.4.7.

8. Samuel: b January 1, 1763; m abt 1785 Hannah Seaman. See next N.1.1.7.4.8.

9. Phoebe: b June 14, 1765; m 1st abt 1775 Stephen Titus; m 2d George Townsend. (Bookstaver, page 94).

    1. Mary Townsend: b abt 1770; m Obediah Titus.

10. George: b May 10, 1769; m abt 1790 Mary Mudge, the daughter of Jacob Mudge. See next N.1.1.7.4.10.

N.1.1.7.4.1
JOHN WILLETS of Long Island, New York

John Willets was born in 1745 at Bethpage, Nassau County, Long Island. He was raised in the Quaker faith. He probably married about 1765. (Bookstaver, page 92; Bunker, page 77).

1. Phoebe: b abt 1767.

2. Jacob: b abt 1770.

3. Rhoda: b abt 1773.

N.1.1.7.4.2
JOB WILLETS and DEBORAH UDALL of Islip, Suffolk County, Long Island

Job Willets was born on September (7th month) 10, 1748, at Islip, Nassau County, Long Island, New York. He was raised in the Quaker faith. He married in 1763 Deborah Udall, the daughter of Joseph and Phebe Udall.

Because of his Quaker faith, he refused to sign the Association at Islip. He died November 14, 1820, at Islip, Nassau County. (Bookstaver, page 94; Bunker, page 77).

1. Rachel: b abt 1765; m John Freeman.

2. George: b abt 1767; m Jemima Secor.

3. Jacob: b abt 1770; m Susan Clark.

4. Amy: b abt 1776; m William Griffin; d on April 22, 1845, at Ellenville, Town of Wawasing, Ulster County, New York.

5. Phoebe: b abt 1778; m Samuel Lewis.

6. Ann: b abt 1780; m Isaac Secor.

N.1.1.7.4.3
JACOB WILLETS of Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York

Jacob Willets was born in 1750, probably at Islip, Nassau County, Long Island. He was raised in the Quaker faith. he married about 1770, and at some point moved up the Hudson Valley to Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York. He was a publisher of school books. (Bookstaver, page 92; Bunker, page 77).

1. Jacob: b abt 1772; m Deborah Rogers, the daughter of John Rogers, the Martyr.

2. George: b abt 1775.

3. Phebe: b abt 1777.

4. Rachel: b abt 1780.

5. Amy: b abt 1782.

6. Ann: b abt 1785.

N.1.1.7.4.4
DANIEL WILLETS and MARTHA SEAMAN of Long Island, New York

Daniel Willets was born on May 24, 1753, probably at Islip, Nassau County, Long Island, New York. He married about 1780 Martha Seaman. He died in 1827. (Bookstaver, page 93; Bunker, page 78).

1. Seaman: b abt 1785; m abt 1810 Ann Pearsall, the daughter of Samuel Pearsall; d 1827. (Bookstaver, page 99; Bunker, page 78).

    1. Thomas S: b 1819; m abt 1840 Rebecca Leggett.

    2. Mary: b 1821; m abt 1840 Jordan Wright.

    3. Margaret Ann: b 1828; m abt 1850 Robert Willets, the son of Samuel and Sarah Willets.

2. Libni: b abt 1787.

3. Thomas: b abt 1790.

4. Charles: b abt 1792; m Lawrie.

N.1.1.7.4.6
JAMES WILLETS and JOHANNA TITUS of Long Island, New York

James Willets was born on May 1, 1758, probably at Islip, Nassau County, Long Island. He was raised in the Quaker faith. He married in 1784 Johanna Titus. (Bookstaver, page 93; Bunker, page 78).

1. Mary: b abt 1785.

2. Henry: b abt 1787.

3. Jacob: b abt 1788.

4. Sarah: b abt 1790.

5. John: b abt 1792.

6. Samuel: b abt 1793.

7. Johanna: b abt 1795.

8. Stephen: b 1797; m abt 1825 Mary Wager. (Bookstaver, page 99).

    1. Jacob: b 1834.

N.1.1.7.4.7
THOMAS WILLETS of Long Island, New York

Thomas Willets was born on September 12, 1760, probably at Islip, Nassau County, Long Island, New York. He married about 1780. (Bookstaver, page 93; Bunker, page 78).

1. Edmond: b abt 1782.

2. Mary: b abt 1785.

3. Charity: b abt 1787.

4. Hannah: b abt 1790.

5. Ann: b abt 1792.

N.1.1.7.4.8
SAMUEL WILLETS and HANNAH SEAMAN of Long Island, New York

Samuel Willets was born on January 1, 1763, probably at Islip, Nassau County, LOng Island, New York. He married about 1785 Hannah Seaman. (Bookstaver, page 94; Bunker, page 78).

1. Isaac: b abt 1787; m abt 1815 Amy Underhill, the daughter of Daniel Underhill. See next N.1.1.7.4.8.1.

2. Mary: b abt 1890; m Samuel J. Underhill, the son of Daniel Underhill.

3. William: b abt 1795; m Phebe Prior; no issue.

4. Jane: b abt 1800; unmarried.

5. Henry: b October 6, 1812; m abt 1835 Sophia Underhill; no issue.

6. Andrew: b abt 1815.

7. Esther: b abt 1817; unmarried.

8. Hannah: b January 21, 1818.

N.1.1.7.4.8.1
ISAAC WILLETS and AMY UNDERHILL of Long Island, New York

Isaac Willets was born about 1787 probably on Long Island, New York. He married about 1815 Amy Underhill. (Bookstaver, page 99; Bunker, pages 78-79).

1. William: b abt 1817; m abt 1840 Mary Valentine. (Bookstaver, page 101).

    1. Anna: b 1848; m 1872 Frederick Willets.

2. David: b abt 1820; m Lydia Moore; issue 3 daughters.

3. Phoebe: b abt 1822; m William Frame.

4. Mary: b abt 1825; m Thomas Whitson.

5. Amy: b abt 1827.

6. John: b abt 1830; m abt 1850; issue 1 son.

7. Hannah: b abt 1832.

N.1.1.7.4.10
GEORGE WILLETS and MARY MUDGE of Long Island, New York

George Willets was born on May 10, 1769, probably at Islip, Nassau County, Long Island, New York. He married about 1790 Mary Mudge, the daughter of Jacob Mudge. (Bookstaver, pages 94-95; Bunker, page 79).

1. Henry: b abt 1792; died young.

2. David: b abt 1795; m Jane Hutchins.

3. Eliza: b abt 1797; m John Burtis.

4. Mary: b abt 1798.

5. John Henry: b abt 1800.

6. Johanna: b abt 1802.

7. Deborah: b abt 1805.

8. Edwin: b abt 1807.

9. Elizabeth: b abt 1810.

10. Martha: b abt 1812.

N.1.1.7.5
AMOS WILLETS and KEZIAH PLATT of Long Island, New York

Amos Willets was born in 1725. He married on May 25, 1749, Keziah Platt (also reported as Rebecca Platt). (Bunker, page 79).

1. Isaac: b abt 1750; m 1792, Catherine Edwards; resided Long Island, New York. See next N.1.1.7.5.1.

2. Amos: b abt 1752; m Mary Platt, the daughter of Jonas Platt. See next N.1.1.7.5.2.

3. Jemima: b abt 1755; m William Jarvis.

4. Samuel: b abt 1757; m Mehitabel Jennings, the daughter of Hezekiah Jennings.

5. Mary: b abt 1760; m Mowbray (Mobrey).

6. Kezia: b abt 1762; m Cornelius Stadge.

7. Ruth: b abt 1765; m Jesse Bryant; no issue.

8. Elisha: b abt 1767.

9. John: b abt 1770.

10. Platt: b abt 1772; m Amy Buffet.

11. Lot(t): b abt 1775.

12. Phoebe: b abt 1777.

N.1.1.7.5.1
ISAAC WILLETS and CATHERINE EDWARDS of Long Island, New York

Isaac Willets was born about 1750. He married in 1792, Catherine Edwards, the daughter of John and Sarah Edwards of Sayville. They lived on Long Island.
(Bookstaver, page 91; Bunker, pages 79-80).

1. Gilson: b abt 1794; m abt 1820 Sarah. See next N.1.1.7.5.1.1.

2. Mary Mowbray: b abt 1796; m abt 1820 Josiah R. Smith.

3. Isaac: b abt 1798; m Phoebe Williams, the daughter of Sarah (Rock Smith) Williams.

4. Charlotte: b abt 1800; m 1818 William T. Brown.

5. Mehitable Catherine: b abt 1802; m 1833 Benjamin Lewis Penny of Cutchogue.

6. Samuel: b abt 1805; m 3d Henrietta.

7. Eliphalet: b abt 1807.

8. Edmond S: b abt 1810.

9. John Edwards: b abt 1812.

10. Sarah: b abt 1815.

11. Platt: b abt 1817.

12. Jemima: b abt 1820.

N.1.1.7.5.1.1
GILSON WILLETS and SARAH of New York

Gilson Willets was born about 1794. He married about 1820 Sarah. (Bookstaver, page 98).

1. Gilson (II): b 1847; m abt 1850 Elmire F. See next N.1.1.5.7.1.1.1.

N.1.1.7.5.1.1.1
GILSON WILLETS and ELMIRE F. of New York

Gilson Willets (II) was born 1847, probably in New York. He married about 1820 Elmira F. (Bookstaver, page 101).

1. Gilson S. (III): b 1869; m abt 1890. (Bookstaver, page 100).

1. Gilson V. D: b 1898. Gilson V. D. Willets is pictured on the previous page. (Bookstaver 100).

N.1.1.7.5.2
AMOS WILLETS and MARY PLATT

Amos Willets was born about 1752. He married about 1775 Mary Platt, the daughter of Jonas Platt. (Bookstaver, page 92; Bunker, page 80).

1. Mary: b abt 1777.

2. Kezia: b abt 1779.

3. Rebecca: b abt 1780.

4. Eliphalet: b abt 1782.

5. Ruth: b abt 1785.

6. Oliver: b abt 1787.

7. Platt: b abt 1790; m abt 1810 Phoebe Platt. See next N.1.1.7.5.2.7.

N.1.1.7.5.2.7
PLATT WILLETS and PHOEBE PLATT

Platt Willets was born about 1790. He married about 1810 Phoebe Platt. (Bookstaver, page 99).

1. David B: b 1812; m abt 1835 Mary Hewlett; d 1854. See next N.1.1.7.5.2.7.1.

N.1.1.7.5.2.7.1
DAVID B. WILLETS and MARY HEWLETT

David B. Willets was born in 1812. He married about 1835 Mary Hewlett. He died in 1854. (Bookstaver, page 100).

1. Joseph H: b 1840; m 1st abt 1865 Marie L. Nichols (b 1839; d 1894 in Chicago, Illinois); m 2d Phoebe E. Hewlett. See next N.1.1.7.5.2.7.1.1.

2. George P: b 1842; m abt 1865 Charlotte B. Hill (b 1848; d 1895); d 1882. See next N.1.1.7.5.2.7.1.2.

N.1.1.7.5.2.7.1.1
JOSEPH H. WILLETS of Chicago, Illinois

Joseph H. Willets was born in 1840. He married 1st abt 1865 Marie L. Nichols (b 1839; d 1894 in Chicago, Illinois). He married 2d Phoebe E. Hewlett. (Bookstaver, page 101).

1. Mary L: b 1866; m 1890 Samuel W. R. Dally.

2. Frederick N: b 1867; d 1872.

3. Olive: b 1869.

4. Florence: b 1872.

5. Walter V. N: b 1879; d 1880.

6. Anita: b 1880; m abt 1900 Alfred N. Burnham.

7. Adele N: b 1881.

8. Ray D: b 1884.

N.1.1.7.5.2.7.1.2
GEORGE P. WILLETS and CHARLOTTE B. HILL

George P. Willets was born in 1842. He married about 1865 Charlotte B. Hill (b 1848; d 1895). He died in 1882. (Bookstaver, page 102).

1. George H: b 1869; d 1890.

2. Jospehine H: b 1872.

3. Maria L: b 1876.

4. Ruth E: b 1881.

N.1.1.7.6
JOSEPH WILLETS and HANNAH TITUS of Long Island, New York

Joseph Willets was born on May 28, 1728, on Long Island, New York. He married in 1755 Hannah Titus, the daughter of William Titus. (Bookstaver, pages 87-88; Bunker, page 80).

1. Phebe: b 1756; d 1760.

2. Amy: b 1758; m 1774 Amos Whitson.

3. Elizabeth: b 1761; m abt 1780 Benjamin Baldwin.

4. William: b August 25, 1763; m abt 1785 Letitia Valentine, the daughter of Charles Valentine; d 1855. See next N.1.1.7.6.4.

5. Catherine: b 1766; m abt 1790 Edmond Post; d 1844.

6. Robert: b 1768; m 1790 Mary Robbins, the daughter of Stephen Robbins. See next N.1.1.7.6.6.

7. Richard: b 1772.

8. Joseph: b 1755; d 1777.

9. Rachel: b 1777; m abt 1800 Benjamin Hicks.

N.1.1.7.6.4
WILLIAM WILLETS and LETITIA VALENTINE of Long Island, New York

William Willets was born on August 25, 1763, on Long Island, New York. He married about 1785 Letitia Valentine, the daughter of Charles Valentine. William may have married 2d Amy Bedell. (Bookstaver, pages 90-91; Bunker, page 80).

1. Joseph: b 1790; m October 30, 1816, Phoebe Smith, the daughter of Jacob Smith; resided on Long Island. See next N.1.1.7.6.4.1.

2. Mary: b abt 1792; m Gideon Frost.

3. Jacob: b abt 1795; m Underhill.

4. William: b abt 1797; m Jane Rushmore.

5. Charles: b abt 1800; died young.

6. George: b abt 1802.

7. Benjamin: b abt 1805.

8. Stephen: b abt 1807.

N.1.1.7.6.4.1
JOSEPH WILLETS and PHOEBE SMITH of Long Island, New York

Joseph Willets was born in 1790. He married on October 30, 1816, Phoebe Smith, the daughter of Jacob Smith. They made their home on Long Island.

1. William Jacob: b January 20, 1820; m May 23, 1837, Amie Ann Frist, the daughter of Russell Frist of Williamsburg, Massachusetts; resided at Brooklyn, New York; d June 13, 1846, at Buffalo, New York. See next N.1.1.7.6.4.1.1.

N.1.1.7.6.4.1.1
WILLIAM JACKSON WILLETS and AMIE ANN FRIST of Brooklyn, New York

William Jacob Willets was born on January 20, 1820. He married on May 23, 1837, Amie Ann Frist, the daughter of Russell Frist of Williamsburg, Massachusetts. They resided at Brooklyn, New York. He died on June 13, 1846, at Buffalo, New York.

1. Joseph Clarence: b abt 1840; m abt 1860 Emma Colista Prentice. See next N.1.1.7.6.4.1.1.1.

N.1.1.7.6.4.1.1.1
JOSEPH CLARENCE WILLETS and EMMA COLISTA PRENTICE
of Onondaga County, New York

Joseph Clarence Willets was born abt 1840. He married about 1860 Emma Colista Prentice. They lived in Skaneatales, Onondaga County, New York, in 1890.

1. William Prentice: b May 13, 1890, at Skaneatales, Onondaga County, New York; m June 19, 1915, Christine Newhall Clark; d November 4, 1964. See next N.1.1.7.6.4.1.1.1.1.

N.1.1.7.6.4.1.1.1.1
WILLIAM PRENTICE WILLETS and CHRISTINE NEWHALL CLARK
of Roslyn, Long Island, New York

William Prentice Willets was born on May 13, 1890, at Skaneatales, Onondaga County, New York. He was a student at St. Paul's School from 1905 to 1910; at Harvard in 1914. He was a stockbroker and a partner in the firm of Wainwright, Luce and Willetts of New York.

He married on June 19, 1915, Christine Newhall Clark; they made their home at Bryant Avenue, Roslyn, Nassau County, New York. He was the owner and proprietor of Airology. They were manufacturers of three dimensional weather trainers located at Roslyn.

He was a member of the Royal Bermuda Yacht Club, the Mid-Ocean Club, the Union Club in New York City, and the Piping Rock Club at Locust Valley, Long Island.

He died November 4, 1964, and was buried at Roslyn, Nassau County, Long Island.

(Who's Who in America, Volume I, 1847-1942, page 1024).

1. Jean Newhall: b abt 1917; m Walter D. Coleman.

2. Jose Prentice: b abt 1920; d 1943.

3. George Clark; b abt 1922.

N.1.1.7.6.6
ROBERT WILLETS and MARY ROBBINS

Robert Wilets was born in 1768. He married about 1790 Mary Robbins. (Bookstaver, page 91; Bunker, pages 80-81).

1. Amos: b 1792; m 1814 Annie Titus. See next N.1.1.7.6.6.1.

2. Samuel: b 1795; m abt 1820 Sarah Hicks. See Next N.1.1.7.6.6.2.

3. Stephen: b 1797; m 1822 Maria Titus, the daughter of John and Sarah (Post) Titus. See next N.1.1.7.6.6.3.

4. Edward: b 1800; m abt 1825 Martha Whitson, the daughter of Thomas Whitson. See next N.1.1.7.6.6.4.

5. Robert Robbins: b 1802; m abt 1825 Lydia Titus, the daughter of John and Sarah (Post) Titus. See next N.1.1.7.6.6.5.

6. Phoebe: b 1805; m 1823 William Titus.

7. William: b 1808; m 1st 1835 Annie Whitson; m 2d Elizabeth P. Titus, the daughter of Samuel and Mary (Powell) Titus. See next N.1.1.7.6.6.7.

N.1.1.7.6.6.1
AMOS WILLETS and ANNIE TITUS

Amos Willets was born in 1792. He married in 1814 Annie Titus. (Bookstaver, page 97; Bunker, page 81).

1. David: b abt 1816; m Elizabeth Browne, the daughter of Sidney Browne.

2. Mary: b abt 1820; m Aaron Wright.

N.1.1.7.6.6.2
SAMUEL WILLETS and SARAH HICKS of Bayside, Nassau County, Long Island

Samuel Willets was born in 1795. He married about 1815 Sarah Hicks. He was a Quaker and a native of Westbury, Long Island. (Bookstaver, page 97; Bunker, page 81).

> "About 1820, Samuel and his brother started a hardware business in Manhattan which was the foundation of the family fortune. The brothers invested in the whaling industry and had control of some 50 whaling ships. Samuel Willets retired from the firm in 1869, when he was 74 years old and devoted the balance of his life to philanthropy, finance and education. He became president of the American Exchange Bank, headed the board of Swarthmore College, the Society for the Relief of the Ruptured and Crippled, and the New York Infirmary, and

was vice president of the New York Hospital" ("Bayside Times," undated newspaper clipping).

1. Jacob H: b 1817; m abt 1840 Sarah A. Powell. See next N.1.1.7.6.6.2.1.

2. Edward: b abt 1820; m Cornelia Crossman.

3. Amelia: b abt 1822; m Edward Merritt.

4. Robert: b December 1, 1825; m 1st 1848 Margaret Ann Willets (d 1873), the daughter of Seaman Willets; m 2d Glorianna R. Nichol; d March 24, 1889. See next N.1.1.7.6.6.2.4.

N.1.1.7.6.6.2.1
JACOB H. WILLETS and SARAH A. POWELL

Jacob H. Willets was born in 1817. He married about 1840 Sarah A. Powell. (Bookstaver, page 100).

1. Caroline: b 1841.

2. Emily: b 1845.

3. Edward: b 1849; m abt 1870 Hannah B. Titus. (Bookstaver, page 101).

    1. Helen: b abt 1872; m J. B. Dutcher.

    2. Samuel: b abt 1875.

4. Frederick: b 1851.

5. Walter: b 1855.

N.1.1.7.6.6.2.4
ROBERT WILLETS of Bayside, Long Island

Robert Willets was born on December 1, 1825, the son of a wealthy merchant who owned fifty whaling ships, and a prosperous hardware business. Robert married 1st in 1848 Margaret Ann Willets (d 1873), the daughter of Seaman Willets. Robert married 2d Glorianna R. Nichol (d 1888).

"The Robert Willets house was built in 1850. Known as Shore Acres, the mansion became one of Long Island's great 19th century showplaces. It stood on 200 acres at the northern end of what is now known as Birchwood Park" ("Bayside Times," newspaper clipping, undated).

The mansion was actually a result of the California gold rush. When the "gold fever" came, the Willets Company invested in ships and trade with California. Living in the mansion was gracious and lavish in the post Civil War period.

Robert Willets died on March 24, 1889. (Bookstaver, page 100).

1. Samuel: b February 10, 1849; d 1877.

2. Amelia: b January 27, 1854; "inherited Shore Acres;" m 1878 G. Howland Leavitt and their residence (the old Willett mansion) became known as the Leavitt residence. "And was the scene of great dinners, enormous clambakes, grand balls, gorgeous masquerade dances, and gay coaching parties" ("Bayside Times," newspaper clipping, undated). Amelia was only continuing the grand tradition which her father had established for Shore Acres. Then in 1919, with the death of Amelia (Willets) Leavitt, it was all gone.

1. Sara Willets Leavitt: b abt 1880; m Charles Garrison Myer; d 1939. Inherited the Willets-Leavitt mansion; it was sold to real estate interests after her death and eventually demolished, along with the Labatut, and Townsend residences in 1963. Sara Willets Myers donated the land on which a portion of the Belt Parkway and bridge were built.

N.1.1.7.6.6.3
STEPHEN WILLETS and MARIA TITUS

Stephen Willets was born in 1797. He married in 1822 Maria Titus, the daughter of John and Sarah (Post) Titus. (Bookstaver, page 98; Bunker, page 81).

1. Stephen: b abt 1825.

2. Lydia: b abt 1827.

3. Sarah: b abt 1830.

N.1.1.7.6.6.4
EDWARD WILLETS and MARTHA WHITSON

Edward Willets was born in 1800. He married about 1825 Martha Whitson, the daughter of Thomas Whitson. (Bookstaver, page 97; Bunker, page 81).

1. Martha H: b abt 1827.

2. Thomas: b abt 1830; m Keese, the daughter of John Keese.

3. Joseph: b abt 1832; m Griffith.

4. Sarah M: b abt 1835; m Caleb Shepherd.

5. Daniel: b abt 1837.

6. Edward: b abt 1840.

7. Mary: b abt 1842.

8. Ann: b abt 1845; unmarried.

N.1.1.7.6.6.5
ROBERT ROBBINS WILLETS and LYDIA TITUS of New York

Robert Robbins Willets was born in 1802. He married about 1825 Lydia Titus, the daughter of John and Sarah (Post) Titus. (Bookstaver, page 98; Bunker, page 82).

1. Cornelia: b abt 1827; m John J. Carl, the son of John Carl.

2. John Titus: b 1835; m abt 1855 Amelia Underhill. See next N.1.1.7.6.6.5.2

3. Maria: b abt 1837.

4. William H: b abt 1840.

5. Robert R., Jr: b abt 1842.

6. Elizabeth: b abt 1845.

N.1.1.7.6.6.5.2
JOHN TITUS WILLETS and AMELIA UNDERHILL of Westchester County, New York

John Titus Willets was born in 1835. He married about 1855 Amelia Underhill.

1. Howard: b 1861 at White Plains, Westchester County, New York; m abt 1885 Mary Kingsland Macy. See next N.1.1.7.6.6.5.2.1.

N.1.1.7.6.6.5.2.1
HOWARD WILLETS and MARY KINGSLAND MACY of Westchester County, New York

Howard Willets was born in 1861 at White Plains, Westchester County, New York. He married about 1885 Mary Kingsland Macy.

1. Josiah Macy: b August 25, 1889; m April 20, 1910, Glayds Augusta Bloodgood, the daughter of Hildreth K. Bloodgood. See next N.1.1.7.6.6.5.2.1.1.

2. Valentine Everit: b 1897.

3. John Titus: b 1903.

N.1.1.7.6.6.5.2.1.1
JOSIAH MACY WILLETS and GLADYS AUGUSTA BLOODGOOD
of New York City, New York

Josiah Macy Willets was born on August 25, 1889. He was educated at Browning Princess School, New York City, and at Yale University. He married on April 20, 1910, Gladys Augusta Bloodgood, the daughter of Hildreth K. Bloodgood.

He served as a Lieutenant in the United States Army in World War I. His residence was at 607 Park Avenue, New York City. He was a member of the Racquet and Tennis Club of New York City, The Leash, Essex Foxhounds, Westminister Kennels, and he was president of the Hackney Horse Society.

(American Families, page 3019).

1. Josiah Macy: b October 8, 1911; m December 1931, Elizabeth C. Bullock; resides in Gladstone, New Jersey.

2. Mary Agnes: b January 12, 1913; m June 23, 1934, H. Williamson Pell, of 135th East, 74th Street, New York City.

3. Julia Kennedy: b abt 1914; m February 11, 1933, Robert Rowland Comly; resides at Far Hills, Somerset County, New Jersey.

N.1.1.7.6.6.7
WILLIAM WILLETS of New York

William Willets was born in 1808. He married 1st 1835 Annie Whitson. He married 2d Elizabeth P. Titus, the daughter of Samuel and Mary (Powell) Titus. (Bookstaver, page 98; Bunker, page 82).

1. Thomas: b abt 1836; died young.

2. Mary: b 1837; m abt 1860 Isaac H. Cocks.

3. Ann T: b 1839.

4. William W: b 1843.

N.1.1.7.10
THOMAS WILLETS and LEAH SEAMAN of New York

Thomas Willets was born on January 4, 1738. He married on March 3, 1762, Leah Seaman (b 1744; d 1813). (Bookstaver, page 89; Bunker, page 82).

1. Charles: b 1764; m 1789 Esther Powell (d 1828), the daughter of Richard Powell.

2. Mary: b 1768.

3. Phoebe: b 1770; m abt 1790 Richard Eldred; d 1830.

4. Rachel: b 1773; m 1794 Edward Pearsall; d 1830.

5. Rebecca: b 1776; m abt 1800 Benjamin Price.

6. Joseph: b 1778; m abt 1800 Abigail Lyon, the daughter of Walker and Senor (Van Wyche Lyon) Lyon. See next N.1.1.7.10.6.

7. Sarah: b 1784; m 1806 Benjamin Albertson; d 1871. (Bookstaver, pages 95-96).

    1. Benjamin Albertson: b abt 1808; m 1st Elizabeth Jackson; m 2d Mary Jackson.

    2. Phoebe Albertson: b abt 1810.

    3. Rebecca Albertson: b abt 1812; m L. Searing.

    4. Thomas H. Albertson: b abt 1815; m H. Townsend.

    5. Abigail Albertson: b abt 1818; m Charled Willis.

    6. Mary Albertson: b abt 1820; m J. H. Haviland.

    7. Hicks Albertson: b abt 1822; m Elizabeth Willis.

    8. Richard Albertson: b abt 1825; m Phoebe Prior.

8. Zebulon: b 1786; d 1827. See next N.1.1.7.10.8.

N.1.1.7.10.6
JOSEPH WILLETS and ABIGAIL LYONS of Long Island, New York

Joseph Willets was born in 1778. He married about 1800 Abigail Lyon, the daughter of Walker and Senor (Van Wyche Lyon) Lyon. (Bookstaver, page 95).

1. Anna: b abt 1802; m Henry Valentine.

2. Thomas: b abt 1805; m Catherine Stillwagen, the daughter of David and Rachel (Acker) Stillwagen. (Bookstaver, page 99).

    1. David: m Field; resided Flushing, Long Island, New York.

3. Mary: b abt 1807; m Kirby.

4. Seneca: b abt 1810.

5. Joseph: b abt 1812.

6. Benjamin: b abt 1815.

7. Charles: b abt 1817.

N.1.1.7.10.8
ZEBULON WILLETS

Zebulon Willets was born in 1786. He married about 1800. He died in 1827. (Bookstaver, page 96).

1. Lawrence: b abt 1802.

2. Charlotte: b abt 1805.

3. Edmond: b abt 1807.

4. Mary: b abt 1810.

5. Henry: b abt 1812.

6. Elizabeth: b abt 1815.

N.1.1.8

ISAAC WILLETS and CLEMENCE HALLOCK of Islip, Suffolk County, Long Island

Isaac Willets was born in 1688 on Long Island, New York. He married in January, 1717, Clemence Hallock (d September 14, 1736), the daughter of John and Abigail (Swezey) Hallock. He lived at Cedar Swamp, Long Island, but before April 3, 1722, they had moved to Islip, Suffolk County, New York.

As Isaac and his wife, and two of his children, all died within a short time of each other in 1736, it is thought that they may have been the victims of a contagious epidemic of smallpox. Isaac Willets died on June 29, 1736, at Islip, Long Island.

(Bookstaver, page 85; Bunker, pages 74-75; Hook, page 94; Wardwell, page 116).

1. David: b 1717; m May 29, 1731, his cousin Deborah Willets, the daughter of Richard Willets (N.1.1.5); d after 1762. See next N.1.1.8.1.

2. Dinah: b 1719; m 1753 Abraham Underhill; d after 1754.

3. Sarah: b 1722.

4. Catherine: b 1724; d June 26, 1736, of smallpox.

5. Zebulon: b 1726; d June 1, 1736, of smallpox.

N.1.1.8.1

DAVID WILLETS and DEBORAH WILLETS of Long Island, New York

David Willets was born in 1717. He married on May 29, 1738, his cousin Deborah Willets, the daughter of Richard Willets (N.1.1.5). He died after 1762. (Bookstaver, page 87).

1. Jonah: b 1762; m 1784, Mary Willets, the daughter of Samuel Willets; d 1837. See next N.1.1.8.1.1.

2. Charity: b abt 1765; m Job Willets; no issue; d 1846.

3. Ezra: b abt 1767; d.y.

N.1.1.8.1.1

JONAH WILLETS and MARY WILLETS of New York

Jonah Willets was born in 1762. He married in 1784 Mary Willets (d 1821), the daughter of Samuel Willets; d 1837. (Bookstaver, page 90; Bunker, page 75).

1. David: b 1785; m abt 1805 Deborah Whitson, the daughter of Amos Whitson; d 1837. See next N.1.1.8.1.1.1.

2. Abraham: b abt 1787; m Henrietta Frost, the daughter of Caleb Frost; resided at Belmont, Allegany County, New York. See next N.1.1.8.1.1.2.

3. Samuel: b 1789; d 1820.

4. Deborah: b 1791; unmarried; d 1846.

5. Isaac: b abt 1793.

6. Amy: b abt 1795; m Zebulon Pinkham; no issue.

N.1.1.8.1.1
DAVID WILLETS and DEBORAH WHITSON of New York

David Willets was born in 1785. He married about 1805 Deborah Whitson, the daughter of Amos Whitson. He died in 1837. (Bookstaver, page 96).

1. Jonah: b abt 1807.

2. William: b abt 1810.

3. Isaac: b abt 1815; m Mary Cromwell, the daughter of Oliver Cromwell.

N.1.1.8.1.1.2
ABRAHAM WILLETS and HENRIETTA FROST of Belmont, Allegany County, New York

Abraham Willets was born about 1787. He married about 1810 Henrietta Frost, the daughter of Caleb Frost. They resided at Belmont, Allegany County, New York. (Bookstaver, pages 96-97; Bunker, page 75).

1. Isaac: b abt 1812; m abt 1825 Harriet Ayres. (Bookstaver, page 100).

    1. Henrietta: b abt 1827.

    2. Elmore A: b abt 1830.

2. Leonard: b abt 1815.

3. Mary: b abt 1817.

4. Sarah: b abt 1820.

5. Elizabeth: b abt 1822.

6. Edward: b abt 1825.

N.1.2

HOPE WILLETS and MARY LANGDON of Jerusalem, Long Island, New York

Hope Willets was born on September 7, 1652, at Hempstead, Long Island. He was named perhaps for his uncle, Hope Washburn. Hope Willets married about 1676 Mary "Mercy" Langdon. She was a daughter of Thomas Langdon who was a very early settler of Hempstead, Long Island.

> "She appears on the Oyster Bay town records, and always as Mary, but in the 1698 census of Hempstead, Hope and Mercy Willets are recorded with nine of their children. Patience, one of the triplets was not on this record, and was probably deceased."

Hope was raised as a Quaker by his widowed mother. He and his family remainded Quakers throughout their life. Hope had a grist mill at Jerusalem, lived and died there. He died intestate after January 4, 1702, when his daughter Elizabeth was married. He may have died on March 10, 1703. On November 12, 1703, "the inventory of his estate was made by William Willett (probably of Flushing, Long Island Willett family) and Benjamin Birdsall" (Hook, page 95). At his inventory, Hope Willets had 43 sheep valued at 6 shillings each with a total value between £ 12 and £ 18.

Following his death, his widow, Mercy, sold the home place and the family moved to New Jersey, perhaps following Mary (N.1.2.2) and Elizabeth (N.1.2.3) whose husbands were of Burlington County, New Jersey before their marriage. Also Mercy's sons, Joseph and Richard, removed from their farms at Jerusalem in 1706, and settled at Little Egg Harbor, Burlington County, New Jersey.

> Mercy Willets "remarried in 1707, as her second husband (and as his second wife) John Townsend of Cape May County, New Jersey.
>
> Her four youngest children lived at Cape May County, and others elsewhere in New Jersey. Joseph and James lived at Little Egg Harbor; Richard, first in Burlington County, and late in life in Salem County, New Jersey; Timothy on a farm he acquired in 1715 on the Matetecunk (Metedeconk) River in what is now Lakewood Township in Monmouth County, New Jersey.
>
> Her married daughters, Mary and Elizabeth, lived in Burlington County, New Jersey" (Hook, page 96).

(Bartlett, pages 107-108; Bunker, page 86; Hook, pages 95-99; Wardwell, page 114; Willits, pages 7-8).

1. Joseph: b December (10th month) 13, 1677; m November 6, 1702/03, Deborah Seaman, a daughter of Solomon and Elizabeth (Linnington) Seaman. See next N.1.2.1.

2. Mary: b December (10th month) 9, 1679; m August 9, 1702, Richard Ridgway (b October 27, 1680, at Crewcorne, Bucks County, Pennsylvania) "at the house of Hoops Willits at Jerusilem, Long Island." "The marriage was recorded in the Burlington Friends

Meeting presumbly because the groom lived there" (Hook, page 97). Richard Ridgway moved to Springfield, Burlington County, New Jersey. Mary (Willets) Ridgway died in 1719.

1. Timothy Ridgway: b abt 1705; m June 8, 1729, at Little Egg Harbor, Sarah Cranmer.

3. Elizabeth: b February (12th month) 3, 1681/82; m January 4, 1701/02 at the house of Hope Willets of Hempstead, Long Island, Gervas (Jarvis) Pharo (b 3 month, 15 day, 1675, in Lincolnshire, England; d 1756 at Egg Harbor, New Jersey), the son of James and Ann Pharo. James Pharo and family came to Ocean County, New Jersey, in 1678, aboard the ship Shield. Gervas Pharo was among the first settlers at West Creek. West Creek was one of the earliest, if not the earliest, places settled in the present Ocean County, New Jersey. The name was anciently given as Westeconk or Westecunk, an Indian name, probably signifying "a place to get meat or eatables" and indicating that this was a place of resort for oysters, fish, clams, etc. Eventually, they moved to Springfield, Burlington County, New Jersey; she died in 1756.

4. Richard: b March (1st month) 14, 1683/84; m 1st September 15, 1704, at Springfield Monthly Meeting, New Jersey, Elizabeth Ridgway (d July 28, 1732); no issue. He m 2d at Chesterfield, New Jersey, on September 28, 1732, Sarah Overton (b December 17, 1682; d 1759) of Burlington County, New Jersey; d 1759 at Alloways Creek Township. See next N.1.2.4.

5. Hester (Esther): b April (2d month) 15, 1686, on Long Island; d after 1698.

6. Timothy: b February (12th month) 25, 1688; m abt 1714 Judith. He lived in what is now Lakewood Township, Monmouth County, New Jersey; his farmed bordered the south bank of the Matetecunk (Metedeconk) River; d after 1737. See next N.1.2.6.

7. Hope: b October (8th month) 24, 1689.

8. Phebe: b January (11th month) 29, 1691; m abt 1710 Robert Townsend (b 1685; d 1772); d November 22, 1722.

9. James: b 1694 on Long Island; m 1715 Phebe; resided at Little Egg Harbor, New Jersey; d October, 1743, at Little Egg Harbor. See next N.1.2.9.

10. Hannah (triplett): b October 3, 1696, on Long Island; m probably abt 1720 David Cresse, the son of Arthur Creese; d after 1698.

11. Patience (triplett): b October 3, 1696, on Long Island; d probably before 1698.

12. Abigail (triplett): b October 3, 1696, on Long Island; m 1716 at Little Egg Harbor Thomas Cranmer (Cramer); d after 1698; their 2d intentions were declared at Little Egg Harbor on September 19, 1716.

13. John: b October 20, 1698; resided at Cape May, New Jersey; m at Little Egg Harbor, New Jersey, on October 5, 1716, Martha Corson, a daughter of John Corson and Mary Davis. "John Willett was a Judge of the Court for many years and in 1743-1744 he served in the New Jersey Legislature." He died July 1, 1777, age 79, at Cape May.

1. James: b October 24, 1717; d after 1775.

2. Sarah: b October 10, 1719.

3. Massah (daughter): b abt 1722.

4. Jacob: b January 22, 1724.

5. Isaac: b October 11, 1727; will March 19, 1776.

6. Hannah: b May 3, 1730.

7. Rachel: b 1737.

N.1.2.1
JOSEPH WILLITS and DEBORAH SEAMAN
of Little Egg Harbor, Ocean County, and Haddonfield, Camden County, New Jersey

Joseph Willett was born on December (10th month) 13, 1677, at Hempstead, Nassau County, Long Island, New York. He married on November 6, 1702/03, Deborah Seaman (b abt 1682 at Hempstead; d 1733 at Haddonfield, New Jersey), a daughter of Solomon and Elizabeth (Linnington) Seaman.

They removed from Jerusalem in 1706 and settled on a farm at Egg Harbor, New Jersey. It was in 1706 that Michael Buffin executed a deed to Joseph Willits for a cedar swamp and other tracts of land amounting to 900 hundred acres. Joseph kept this for 24 years, until 1730, when he sold it to John Ridgway, Sr. (probably his brother-in-law).

Joseph then removed to Haddonfield, Camden County, New Jersey, where it is probable that he died.

In the year 1730, his sons, Joseph and Solomon, his wife Elizabeth, and his daughter Deborah, got certificates from the Egg Harbor Monthly Meeting to be taken to the Haddonfield Monthly Meeting.

(Bookstaver, page 108; Bunker, page 87; Hook, page 96; Wardwell, page 117).

1. Solomon: b July 23, 1703, at Little Egg Harbor, Atlantic County, New Jersey; removed to Haddonfield, Camden County, New Jersey, in 1730; m 1728; d 1770.

1. (daughter): b abt 1730; m Andrew Collins.

2. Solomon: b abt 1732; m 1753. (Henry Willets of Stokes County, North Carolina, is reputedly the grandson of Solomon Willets; Gabriel Willets of North Carolina and Indiana is the son of Henry Willets).

3. Joseph: b abt 1732; m 1753.

4. Jonathan: b abt 1735; m 1758.

2. Mary: b September 23, 1705, Little Egg Harbor, New Jersey.

3. Hope: b May 18, 1707, at Little Egg Harbor, New Jersey; m "out of meeting" at Cape May, on June 20, 1730, Mary Beck (Buck), the daughter of Henry Beck; repented and was reinstated; removed to North Carolina; d 1766 in North Carolina. See next N.1.2.1.3.

4. Joseph: b September 8, 1710, at Little Egg Harbor; removed to Haddonfield, Camden County, New Jersey in 1730; m 1734 Sarah Beck, the daughter of Henry Beck, and sister to his brother's wife; d after 1770.

1. Sarah: b abt 1736; m abt 1760 Samuel Lundy.

2. Solomon: b abt 1738.

3. Joseph: b abt 1740; will probated January 19, 1770.

5. Deborah: b January 14, 1712, at Little Egg Harbor; removed to Haddonfield, Camden County, New Jersey, in 1730; m at Chesterfield, Burlington County, New Jersey, 1732 Samuel Willson, Jr; d June 2, 1772; buried in Hardwick, Warren County, New Jersey.

1. Mary Willson: b April 29, 1733, at Bethelem, Hunterdon County, New Jersey; d December 29, 1816, in Independence Township, Sussex County, New Jersey.

2. Deborah Willson: b July, 1735; d 1751.

3. Samuel Willson: b July 1, 1738; d July 22, 1794, at Great Meadows, Warren County, New Jersey.

4. Sarah Willson: b July 29, 1740.

5. Joseph Willson: b February 10, 1742; d December 26, 1784, at Hardwick Township, Sussex County, New Jersey.

6. Gabriel Willson: b 1745 or 1746 in Warren County, New Jersey; d February 19, 1803, in Hardwick Township, Warren County, New Jersey.

7. John Willson: b April 23, 1748.

8. James Willson: b January 27, 1750, in Sussex County, New Jersey; m 1780 Sarah Schmuck; d February 16, 1832.

9. Esther Willson: b May 30, 1754; d February 20, 1836.

10. Susanna Willson: b August 27, 1757.

6. Henry: b November 14, 1714, at Little Egg Harbor, New Jersey; m 1746 Sarah Lee (b 1717; d 1754), the daughter of Anthony Lee; d January 7, 1755, in Berks County, Pennsylvania. See next N.1.2.1.6.

N.1.2.1.3
HOPE WILLITS and MARY BECK of North Carolina

Hope Willits was born on May 18, 1707, at Little Egg Harbor, New Jersey. He married "out of meeting" at Cape May, on June 20, 1730, Mary Beck, the daughter of Henry Beck. He repented and was reinstated.

He removed to North Carolina, and the exact date is unknown. Also, it is not absolutely positive at this date that Hope Willits of Little Egg Harbor, and Hope Willits of New Hanover are one and the same. On November 24, 1744, Colonel John Forbes petitioned for a land warrant for 200 acres of land for Hope Willets of New Hanover County. At this time, Hope Willetts had 6 whites. As this is the earliest known mention of Hope Willits in North Carolina, it is tenatively assumed that he had he had left Little Egg Harbor during the summer of 1744. His family either accompanied him, or soon followed.

On April 4, 1748, at a Council held at New Bern, North Carolina, Hope Willet petitioned for a warrant for 100 acres of land. On September 25, 1754, Hope Willits received 75 acres of land on the south branch of Doctor's Creek (Book 13, page 47, Shuck No. 1125; Land Grants of New Hanover County, 1980, page 238).

In 1763, Hope Willits was living in St. Phillip's Parish, New Hanover County. New Hanover County was divided in 1764, and Brunswick County was formed out of the southern end of the original county. Hope Willits land fell in the newly formed Brunswick County.

Hope Willits died in 1766 in North Carolina. His will was dated June 6, 1766. In it, he bequeathed to is son Samuel 5 shillings; daughter Mary, 5 shillings; daughter Liddia, 5 shillings; daughter Anne, 5 shillings; to wife: "one bed and furniture, and the great mare Bonny and her colt," to sons Joseph and Hope remainder; executors: wife and son Joseph; witnesses: Samuel Leonard, Jr., and John Robinson (Record Book A, page 30; Brunswick, New Hanover, Bladen Counties, North Carolina, Wills, Deeds, Bible Records, 1958, page 7).

1. Samuel: b abt 1732 in New Jersey; abt 1744 he removed to Brunswick County, North Carolina; m abt 1755 Ann Leonard, the daughter of Henry and Hannah Leonard; in 1763, he was living in St. Phillips Parish, New Hanover County, North Carolina; in 1769, and 1772, he is a resident of Brunswick County, North Carolina; he died after 1766, possibly as late as 1777. See next N.1.2.1.3.1.

2. Mary: b abt 1735; she married after 1766, and is possibly the Mary Willets who married (as his 3d wife) abt 1770 Elisha Sellers (b abt 1744; d abt 1802 at Brunswick County; will dated November 16, 1801).

However, in 1787 Mary Willets, widow, gave a gift to her daughter Mary Beasley of a negro wench named Leanah and a negro child named Bosto, plus all her cattle and household furniture, which was to be divided with her sister Anne Goodman.

1. John Bryan Sellers: b abt 1772.

2. Sara Sellers: m McClelland.

3. Mary Sellers: m Singletary.

4. William Sellers:

5. Thomas Sellers:

6. Matthew Sellers: m Ann Corbett.

7. Willets Daniel Sellers: b abt 1784 in North Carolina; m Catherine; was a minister (Reverend).

3. Lydia: b abt 1737; unmarried in 1766; probably died before 1787.

4. Anne: b abt 1740; married after 1766 and before 1787 Goodman.

5. Joseph Buck: b abt 1742. On October 10, 1767, he jointly purchased (with his brother Hope) a quit claim deed for land belonging previously to Hope Willits, deceased, for "15 shillings, 11 pence, and a half pence Proclamation Money of North Carolina currency" from his brother Samuel Willits. This quit claim was probably necessary to clear up any ambiguity which could be read into their father's will.

6. Hope: b abt 1745, possibly in Brunswick County, North Carolina. On October 10, 1767, he jointly purchased (with his brother Hope) a quit claim deed for land belonging previously to Hope Willits, deceased, for "15 shillings, 11 pence, and a half pence Proclamation Money of North Carolina currency" from his brother Samuel Willits. This quit claim was probably necessary to clear up any ambiguity which could be read into their father's will. In 1787, Hope Willits' real estate was confiscated and sold as a result of his Tory activities during the American Revolution. Whether or not he married, and where he went after the Revolution is unknown at this time. The life of a Tory was difficult after the war; many went to Nova Scotia; the ones who stayed behind had difficult years to face before the prejudices enflamed by the war died.

N.1.2.1.3.1
SAMUEL WILLITS and ANN LEONARD of Brunswick County, North Carolina

Samuel Willits was born about 1732 in New Jersey. About 1744, his parents moved to to Brunswick County, North Carolina. It is thought that he and his father, Hope, were from Cape May and part of the Joseph Willits family. This is not yet absolutely established as fact, but is highly likely. Samuel would have arrived in North Carolina sometime in the 1740s.

North Carolina had only begun to be settled in 1655 when the Virginian, Nathaniel Butts, built the first permenant house and trading post on the southwest bank of the Pasquotank River near Albermarle Sound. It was not until 1663, under the Restoration of King Charles II that the Province of Carolina (extending from Albermarle Sound to Florida) was separated from Virginia's jurisdiction and given to eight of the King's favorite courtiers. The total population of Carolina centered around the Albermarle Sound region barely surpassed 500 at this time.

Althought attempts at settlement around the Cape Fear River had been made by the Puritans of Massachusetts Bay Colony in 1662, and again by Barbadians in 1664 and 1665, by the summer of 1667, the Cape Fear region was deserted, and it was not until 1725 that further attempts to settle in this area were successful. It was in 1725, after the Tuscarora War of 1711-1713, that Colonel Maurice Moore took up residence on the Cape Fear and laid out the Town of Brunswick. In 1733, the village of Newtown (later renamed Wilmington) was established upstream and on the opposite bank of the river. The two towns were considered one and they were known as the Port of Brunswick. Naval stores, pitch, tar, and turpentine were the main exports. Rice exports were beginning but depended on hand labor and a slave economy. The Port of Brunswick encouraged the settlement of a town on the fall line. Cross Creek began up stream as the furtherest navigable point on the Cape Fear. The interior became linked to the coast. In 1730, the whole of North Carolina had a population of fewer than 35,000. By 1775, immigration had swollen the population to over 200,000.

This was the land that Samuel Willets grew up in. Samuel Willets petitoned for a road during 1752-1759. He was living on Town Creek and the roads to the ferries operating in the area with just about non-existent.

On July 10, 1754, Samuel Willets requested a land grant of 50 acres by the Salt Marsh. This was not recorded and is called a "Zero Shuck" meaning that the request was made but the land was not issued. Evidently, this request failed, so again on October 5, 1755, Samuel Willets was requesting the 50 acres by the Salt Marsh on the side between Lockwood's Folly and the Cape Fear (Book 2, page 136, Shuck No. 463; Land Grants of New Hanover County, 1980, pages 234, and 315). Lockwood's Folly faced the Atlantic Ocean and was just south of Brunswick Town.

Samuel Willits married about 1755 Ann Leonard (b in Brunswick County, North Carolina), the daughter of Henry and Hannah Leonard. Her father, Henry Leonard, died in 1772 in Brunswick County. In his will, he mentioned his wife Hannah, Joseph Hewett, Crawford Ludlum, Job Holden, Henry Willits, John Willits, Abigail Holden, Ann Willits, Ruth Hewett, and Lydia Hewett (North Carolina Wills, pages 41-42). It would be logical to assume that Samuel Willits had died leaving his wife Ann a widow. Henry and John Willits are most likely the grandchildren of Henry Leonard.

In 1763, Samuel Willits was living in St. Phillips Parish, New Hanover County, North Carolina. In 1769, and 1772, he is a resident of Brunswick County, North Carolina. Most likely, Samuel did not move and the change was ocassioned by a change in county name.

The next two entries may not belong to this Samuel Willets, but no other Samuel Willets is known to be living in the Brunswick-New Hanover area at this time. And his

brother Hope Willits faced harsher accusations and a harsher penalty for his loyalty to King George.

> "Wednesday, June 12, 1776: Samuel Willits, being brought before the Council and charged with corresponding with the Enemy, which appearing from the Testimony produced against said Willits.
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> Resolved: That the said Samuel Willits enter into Bond with Security in £ 500 for his good behavior, and Conformity to the Resolves of Congress or any Authority under them, and for his immediate removal from the County of Brunswick and constant residence in the County of New Hanover, until discharged therefrom" (The Colonial Records of North Carolina, volume 10, 1886, pages 627-628).

> "Thursday, June 13, 1776: "Ordered that Samuel Willets, a prisoner on parole in New Hanover County, be admitted to return to Brunswick County, on his entering into security for his future good behavior in the sum of £ 300" (The Colonial Records of North Carolina, volume 10, 1886, pages 627-628).

There is the slim possibility that these entries could be referring to a Samuel Willets of Pennsylvania who was a volunteer in the British Legion. His cousin, the Coronet Walter Willets was a prisoner on parole in Brunswick County in 1780. However, it is unknown if the volunteer Samuel Willets was ever a prisoner. At the same time, it is more likely that they do refer to Samuel Willits of Brunswick County.

On October 15, 1783, Samuel Willets received a grant from the State of North Carolina (No. 36) "for fifty shillings for every hundred acres granted, paid into our Treasury ... including the plantation he now lives on ... 50 acres" which was surveyed on October 22, 1779.

Samuel Willits died after 1776; place unknown.

1. Henry: b abt 1757; m abt 1780 Elizabeth; will probated May, 1827, at Brunswick County, North Carolina. See next N.1.2.1.3.1.1.

2. John: b abt 1760; on October 29, 1772, Henry Leonard left land adjoining that of Stephen Daniel to John and Henry Willets, the sons of Samuel Willets; sometimes referred to as Don. Nothing else is known about the life of John Willets at this time.

N.1.2.1.3.1.1

HENRY WILLITS and ELIZABETH of Brunswick County, North Carolina

Henry Willits was born about 1757 and it is usually reported that he was born in New Jersey. However, more likely, his birth occurred in New Hanover (now Brunswick) County, North Carolina. His father is recorded as having land transactions in New Hanover as early as 1744. (However, his father may have been engaged in some coast wise trade, and perhaps (again just a guess) he travelled up and down the coast, much as we would travel the Interstate Highway system).

He married about 1795 Elizabeth (b abt 1774 in Brunswick County, North Carolina). His will was probated May, 1827, at Brunswick County, North Carolina.

> Will of Henry Willetts of Brunswick County, North Carolina, dated March 19, 1827:
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> To: wife Elizabeth, (dower rights in) plantation, all my negroes, then to son Henry B. Willetts;
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> To: son William, my plantation on Negro Head;
>
> To: son John H., 100 acres below Negro Head Branch;
>
> To: daughter Penelope Swain one dollar;
>
> To: Ann Sellers, one dolar;
>
> To: Lydia Green, one dollar.
>
> Wife to be executrix.
>
> Probate May Term, 1827.

1. Penelope: b February 12, 1805, at Southport, Brunswick County, North Carolina; m 1st February 4, 1822, John H. Swain; m 2d August 15, 1866, Allen M. Moore; d August 17, 1875, at Southport, Brunswick County. See next N.1.2.1.3.1.1.1.

2. Ann: b abt 1807 in Brunswick County; m Sellers.

3. Lydia: b abt 1809 in Brunswick County; m Green.

4. William: b 1812; he married first about 1834 Charity; m 2d January 8, 1858, Zelpha Robbins (b 1830); d before 1880. See next N.1.2.1.3.1.1.4.

5. John H: b 1813 in Brunswick County; m January 8, 1842, Sarah G. Lewis, bondsman: William Willetts; d after September, 1850, in Wilmington, New Hanover County, North Carolina. See next N.1.2.1.3.1.1.5.

6. Henry B: b 1819; m 1st abt 1840 Elizabeth; m 2d on March 4, 1867, Mrs. Sarah Ann (Biggs) Willits, the widow of his nephew, Julius Willits (N.1.2.1.3.1.1.4.1); he was a farmer at Town Creek, Brunswick County, North Carolina. See next N.1.2.1.3.1.1.6.

N.1.2.1.3.1.1.1
PENELOPE WILLITS and JOHN H. SWAIN
of Southport, Brunswick County, North Carolina

Penelope Willits was born on February 12, 1805, at Southport, Brunswick County, North Carolina. She married 1st February 4, 1822, John H. Swain.

She married 2d August 15, 1866, Allen M. Moore.

Penelope (Willits, Swain) Moore died on August 17, 1875, at Southport, Brunswick County.

1. Levi Bonaparte Swain: b February 24, 1823, at Southport; m Mary Amanda Sellers; d October 26, 1875.

2. John Wesley Swain: b 1824 at Southport; m Susan Jeanette Woodside.

3. William Swain: b February 12, 1827; m May 16, 1853, Virginia A. Bowen; d January 31, 1895.

4. Thomas Webster Swain: b September 13, 1829, at Southport; m Mary E. Arnold; d September 17, 1891.

5. Mary Elizabeth Swain: b February 22, 1832, at Southport; m Elisha Sellers; d October 18, 1888.

6. Sarah Jane Swain: b January 22, 1835, at Southport; m Mark Wicklief Reynolds; d March 3, 1895.

7. Martha Swain: b May 9, 1837, Brunswick County, North Carolina; m September 23, 1855, Isaac D. Reynolds; d April 26, 1873.

8. Julia Ann Swain: b October 18, 1840, at Southport; m June 22, 1865, Francis Dawson Price; d January 16, 1915.

N.1.2.1.3.1.1.5
JOHN H. WILLITS and SARAH G. LEWIS of Brunswick County, North Carolina

John H. Willits was born in 1814 in Brunswick County. He married on January 8, 1842, Sarah G. Lewis, bondsman: William Willetts.

He possibly married 2d Delilah, at least his wife is called Delilah in the 1850 census. Neither he, his wife, or children, appear in the 1860 census). His name appears to have been spelled Willis in the 1850 census, however, his brother William's name was also spelled in the same manner; and it is positive that the William Willits family is being recorded in 1850.

He died after September, 1850.

(1850 Brunswick County census).

1. Antonette: b 1848. (1850 Brunswick County census).

2. William: b 1849. (1850 Brunswick County census).

N.1.2.1.3.1.1.4
WILLIAM WILLITS and ZELPHA ROBBINS
of Town Creek, Brunswick County, North Carolina

William Willits was born in 1812. He married 1st about 1834 Charity (b 1812). His first wife probably died about 1853 or 1854.

William Willits married 2d at Brunswick County on January 8, 1858, Zelpha (Zilpha) Robbins (b June, 1826). He was a farmer and they lived at Town Creek, Brunswick County, North Carolina.

It must have aroused patriotic feelings on the day of April 16, 1862, when 5 of the Willets brothers all joined the Confederate service on the same day. No other Willett or Willets family has sent more of its sons into service, nor has any paid a heavier price than this one. Of the five who joined, only one returned. On January 15, 1865, one son, George F., died at Fort Fisher; and 3 sons were taken prisoner (Jacob L., John J., and William J.). Of these two died in prison (Jacob L., and John J.). It should be noted that Mrs. Sarah Ann (Biggs) Willett, the widow of William Julius Willits who died at Fort Fisher, married as her 2d husband Henry B. Willits, who was the her uncle by marriage. The life of a widow was hard in those days. And it was not unusual for a young widow to marry a much older husband (in this case, 11 years older).

William Willets died before 1880. (1850, 1860, 1870, 1880 Brunswick County census).

1. William Julius: b 1835; m February 26, 1857, Sarah Ann Biggs (b 1830). (1850, 1860 Brunswick County census). See next N.1.2.1.3.1.1.4.1.

2. Luceia: b 1838. (1850 Brunswick County census).

3. Jacob G: b 1839; in 1860, he was living with his father; m in Brunswick County, May 3, 1862, Mary A. Ganey. (1850, 1860 Brunswick County census). See next N.1.2.1.3.1.1.4.3.

4. John Collier: b 1842; m 1st June 7, 1861, Melvina Hickman, in Brunswick County; m 2d January 15, 1870, Sarah E. Sullivan (b 1846), the daughter of Richard and Elizabeth Sullivan. (1850, 1860 Brunswick County census). See next N.1.2.1.3.1.1.4.4.

5. George F: b 1843; d January 15, 1865, at the defense of Fort Fisher, Wilmington, North Carolina. It is unknown if he had married before or during the war. (1850, 1860 census). See next N.1.2.1.3.1.1.4.5.

6. Benjamin B: b May 20, 1845; m 1st 1868 Jemima (b December, 1842); m 2d before 1910 Fannie; d July 2, 1921. (1850, 1860 Brunswick County census). See next N.1.2.1.3.1.1.4.6.

7. Harriet: b 1848. (1850 Brunswick County census).

8. Phinie: b August, 1850; one month before the census was taken. (1850 Brunswick County census).

9. James Allison: b March, 1852; m 1st April 2, 1876, Sarah Reynolds (b 1859); m 2d 1895 Sabra L. (b March, 1863). (1860, 1870 Brunswick County census). See next N.1.2.1.3.1.1.4.9.

10. David T: b 1853. (1870 Brunswick County census).

12. Thomas Whitfield: b January, 1858; m January 8, 1880, Delilah Jane Harrelson, the daughter of Isham W. and Emily Elizabeth (Robbins) Harrleson. (1860 Brunswick County census).

13. Mary C: b 1860; m December 18, 1881, David G. Lewis. (1870, 1880 Brunswick County census).

14. Joseph W: b August, 1862; m May 1, 1883, Mary E. Lewis (b November, 1863). (1870, 1880 Brunswick County census). See next N.1.2.1.3.1.1.4.14.

15. William Henry: b June, 1864; m December 9, 1889, Ann E. Arnold (b April, 1870). In 1900, his mother, Zelpha, was living with them; d September 14, 1936, at Town Creek. (1870, 1880 Brunswick County census). See next N.1.2.1.3.1.1.4.15.

N.1.2.1.3.1.1.4.1
WILLIAM JULIUS WILLITS and SARAH ANN BIGGS
of Town Creek Township, Brunswick County

William Julius Willits was born in 1835 in Brunswick County. He married on February 26, 1857, Sarah Ann Biggs (b 1830), the daughter of James and Mary Biggs. He was a farmer. William Julius Willits name is often reversed and recorded as Julius William Willits, or Julius Willits, or William Willits. Care must be taken in separating him from the other William Willits who were living contemporary with him.
(1860 Brunswick County census).

> "William J. Willets, Private: resided in Brunswick County where he enlisted at age 26, April 16, 1862, for the war. Present of accounted for through August, 1864. Captured at Fort Fisher January 15, 1865, and confined at Elmira, New York, where he died March 4, 1865, of pneumonia" (North Carolina Troops: 1861-1865, Volume I, page 290).

Sarah Ann (Biggs) Willits married 2d on March 14, 1867, Henry B. Willetts. Alonzo and James are listed as children in the Henry B. Willetts family in 1870; actually they are his step-children.

1. James W: b 1858; m November 30, 1883, Amanda Atkinson; d October 3, 1920. (1860 Brunswick County census). See next N.1.2.1.3.1.1.4.1.1.

2. Alonzo John: b 1861; m October 18, 1899, Viola Simmons; d October 6, 1927. See next N.1.2.1.3.1.1.4.1.2.

N.1.2.1.3.1.1.4.1.1
JAMES W. WILLITS and AMANDA ATKINSON
of Town Creek Township, Brunswick County

James W. Willits was born in 1857. He married at H. B. Willets in Brunswick County on November 30, 1883 Amanda Atkinson (b December 9, 1864; d March 14, 1943, at Wilmington, New Hanover County), the daughter of John W. and Annie E. (Arnold) Atkinson. They lived in Town Creek Township. (1870, 1910 Brunswick County census).

1. (child): b abt 1884.

2. Jacob K: b October, 1885; m 1st October 14, 1910, Lethia L. Wolf (b 1889; d October 21, 1914, in Brunswick County), the daughter of Asa S. and Annie E. Wolf; m 2d December 9, 1914, Mitte Carroll. See next N.1.2.1.3.1.1.4.1.1.2

3. (child): b abt 1886.

4. William Jesse: b May 13, 1887; m in Brunswick County on July 9, 1916, Bertha C. Skipper (b November, 1898), the daughter of Everett M. and Catherine A. (Potter) Skipper. (1910 Brunswick County census). See next N.1.2.1.3.1.1.4.1.1.4.

5. Ethel Glendora: b September 8, 1888; m November 21, 1907, William Albert Swain; d June 10, 1965.

1. Erotha Swain: b abt 1910; resides in Salt Lake City, Utah.

6. Alice B: b 1892. (1910 Brunswick County census).

7. Minnie: b 1894. (1910 Brunswick County census).

8. Bertha: b 1896. (1910 Brunswick County census).

9. Napolean: b 1898; m October, 1924, Mary Jane Woodcock. (1910 Brunswick County census).

10. La Fayette (Lasey, Laffey) Andrew, Sr: b July 31, 1896; m Lillie Carter; d February 26, 1950. (1910 Brunswick County census). See next N.1.2.1.3.1.1.4.1.1.10.

11. Lexlie Earl: b August 17, 1900. (1910 Brunswick County census).

12. Eula: b 1902. (1910 Brunswick County census).

N.1.2.1.3.1.1.4.1.1.2
JACOB K. WILLETTS of Brunswick County, North Carolina

Jacob (Jake) K. Willetts was born on October, 1885. He married 1st September 27, 1910, Lethia J. Wolf (b 1889; d October 21, 1914, in Brunswick County), the daughter of Asa S. and Annie E. Wolf.

He married 2d at "my residence" December 9, 1914, Mitte Carroll (b April 9, 1896, Brunswick County; d March 16, 1979; buried at Jacksonville, Onslow County, North Carolina), the daughter of Loranz Carroll and Mary Jane Ganey.

1. Leon J: b October 12, 1915, at Town Creek, Brunswick County.

2. Mary Emma: b September 10, 1919, at Town Creek; m E. H. Pierce.

3. Jack (Jake) W: b December 6, 1921, at Town Creek.

4. Madie Ray: b September 15, 1924, at Town Creek; m J. R. Shepard.

5. Leroy:

6. Christine: m Z. E. Brown.

7. Louise: m J. M. Corbett.

8. Doris: m Williams.

N.1.2.1.3.1.1.4.1.1.4
WILLIAM JESSE WILLETTS and BERTHA C. SKIPPER of Brunswick County

William Jesse Willetts was born on May 13, 1887. He married on in Brunswick County on July 9, 1916, Bertha C. Skipper (b November, 1898), the daughter of Everett M. and Catherine A. (Potter) Skipper. (1910 Brunswick County census).

1. Jesse Wilbur: b 1927; m December 17, 1948, Edna Grace Richardson.

N.1.2.1.3.1.1.4.1.1.10
LA FAYETTE WILLETTS and LILLIE CARTER of Brunswick County

La Fayette (Lasey, Laffey) Andrew Willetts, Sr, was born on July 31, 1896. He married Lillie Carter, the daughter of Robert Carter.
He died on February 26, 1950.

1. Lafey Andrew, Jr: b August 7, 1921, in Wilmington; m Lillie Harvell; d July 13, 1979, at Wilmington.

    1. Larry:

    2. Harriet: m Robert Johnson.

    3. Jo Ann: m Childress.

    4. Debbie: m Kenneth Johnson.

2. (child): b September 29, 1923; d September 30, 1923, in Wilmington.

3. (child): b June 14, 1925; d June 14, 1925, in Wilmington.

4. Hardee Emery: b January 12, 1935, in Wilmington; m Betty Williamson; d May 30, 1982.

1. Cindy: m Stauffer; resides in Pottstown, Pennsylvania.

2. James Hardee: b December 4, 1959, in New Hanover County; d December 23, 1959.

5. Mary Jane: b April 7, 1937, at Northwest in Brunswick County; m Skipper.

6. James Edward: b February 9, 1940, at Northwest, Brunswick County; d February 15, 1973, at Leland.

7. Debra Lynn: b April 23, 1954, at New Hanover County.

8. Robert:

9. Elizabeth: m Johnson.

N.1.2.1.3.1.1.4.1.2
ALONZA JOHN WILLITS of Town Creek Township, Brunswick County

Alonza John Willits was born in September, 1860. He requested a bond to marry on January 16, 1899; and he married on October 18, 1899, Viola Simmons (b 1864). (1910 Brunswick County census).

1. John A: b November 10, 1899; m Naomi; d December 31, 1941. (1910 Brunswick County census).

2. Fanny L: b 1902. (1910 Brunswick County census).

3. Mary L: b 1903. (1910 Brunswick County census).

4. Tylon Van: b December 22, 1905, at Brunswick County; m Emma Louise Garvey. (1910 Brunswick County census). See next N.1.2.1.3.1.1.4.1.2.4.

5. Ella M: b 1906. (1910 Brunswick County census).

N.1.2.1.3.1.1.4.1.2.4
TYLON VAN WILLETTS and EMMA LOUISE GARVEY of Brunswick County

Tylon Van Willetts was born on December 22, 1905, in Brunswick County. He married about 1940 Emma Louise Garvey. (1910 Brunswick County census).

1. Charles Van: b April 10, 1943, in New Hanover County; d April 13, 1943.

2. Sandra Mae: b January 3, 1947, in Brunswick County.

N.1.2.1.3.1.1.4.2
JACOB G. WILLITS and MARY A. GANEY of Towns Creek Township, Brunswick County

Jacob G. Willits was born in 1839. He married in Brunswick County, May 3, 1862, Mary A. Ganey. (1860 Brunswick County census).

> "Jacob G. Willets, Private: Resided in Brunswick County where he enlisted at age 22, April 16, 1862, for the war. Present or accounted for through August, 1864. Wounded and captured at Fort Fisher January 15, 1865, and confined at Elmira, New York, where he died April 14, 1865, of chronic diarrhea and was buried in Woodlawn National Cemetery, Elmira" (North Carolina Troops: 1861-1865, Volume I, page 290).

1. (infant): b 1860. (1860 Brunswick County census).

N.1.2.1.3.1.1.4.4
JOHN COLLIER WILLETS and MELVINA HICKMAN
of Town Creek Township, Brunswick County, North Carolina

John Collier Willets was born in 1842 in Brunswick County. He married 1st at Brunswick County on June 7, 1861, Melvina Hickman (b 1841), the daughter of Benjamin and Rebecca Hickman.

> "John Collier Willets, Private: Resided in Brunswick County where he enlisted at age 21, April 16, 1862, for the war. Detailed in Engineer Department, Smithville, November-December, 1863. Absent detailed through August 1864 (North Carolina Troops: 1861-1865, Volume I, page 290).

John Collier Willets returned from the war. Unfortunately, some men started for home at the end of the war, and simply never arrived, or never were heard from again.

John Collier Willets married 2d on January 15, 1870, Sarah E. Sullivan (b 1846), the daughter of Richard and Elizabeth Sullivan.

1. John Monroe: b January, 1863, in Brunswick County; m April 13, 1890, Mary E. Mintz (b January, 1865), the daughter of Jesse Oliver Mintz and Prudence McLamb. See next N.1.2.1.3.1.1.4.4.1.

2. Amanda: b 1866; m May 8, 1885, James M. Harrell.

3. Robert: b 1872.

4. George F: b 1874.

5. Jacob: b 1877.

N.1.2.1.3.1.1.4.4.1
JOHN MONROE WILLETS and MARY E. MINTZ
of Town Creek Township, Brunswick County, North Carolina

John Monroe Willets was born in January, 1863, in Brunswick County. He married on April 13, 1890, Mary Emma Mintz (b January, 1865), the daughter of Jesse Oliver Mintz and Prudence McLamb. (1910 Brunswick County census).

1. Cora: b August 7, 1892, in Brunswick County; m November 6, 1910, Melvin Smith; d October 11, 1975. (1910 Brunswick County census).

2. Melvenia: b May, 1893; m September 8, 1912, Jack Brown. (1910 Brunswick County census).

3. Jesse: b March, 1896, in Brunswick County. (1910 Brunswick County census).

4. John D: b February, 1899, in Brunswick County. (1910 Brunswick County census).

5. Alphono: b 1901; resided in Burlington, North Carolina. (1910 Brunswick County census).

6. Herndon: b 1904; resided in Burlington, North Carolina. (1910 Brunswick County census).

7. Lefrum: b 1906. (1910 Brunswick County census).

8. Daisy Ethel (twin): b March 22, 1909; resides in Burlington, North Carolina; m Milton C. Newton. (1910 Brunswick County census).

9. Evelyn (twin): b March 22, 1909; resided in Burbank, California. (1910 Brunswick County census).

10. Myrtle: b abt 1912; resided in Burlington, North Carolina.

11. Letha: b abt 1914; resided in Burlington, North Carolina.

N.1.1.2.1.3.1.1.4.5
GEORGE F. WILLETS of Town Creek Township, Brunswick County, North Carolina

George F. Willets was born in 1843. He is in the 1860 census.

> "George F. Willets, Sergeant: Resided in Brunswick County where he enlisted at age 18, April 16, 1862, for the war. Mustered in as Corporal and promoted to Sergeant January 22, 1863. Present or accounted for through August, 1864. Killed in action at Fort Fisher January 15, 1865" (North Carolina Troops: 1861-1865, Volume I, page 290).

N.1.2.1.3.1.1.4.6
BENJAMIN B. WILLETTS of Town Creek Township, Brunswick County, North Carolina

Benjamin B. Willetts was born on May 20, 1844, at Town Creek, Brunswick County. He married 1st in 1865 Jemima (b 1842; d April 3, 1908). He was a farmer living in Town Creek Township, Brunswick County, North Carolina.

He married at Winnabow, Brunswick County, North Carolina, 2d May 15, 1908, Fannie Eichhorn (b September 10, 1869; d October 6, 1929, at Town Creek Township), the daughter of John and Annie Eichhorn. He was 25 years older than his new wife; witnesses were John, Daniel, and Rosa B. Willetts. (1870, 1880, 1910 Brunswick County census).

His children, John W., Benjamin C., and Isaac S., were living next door to each other in 1910. His daughters, Amanda Arnold, and Margaret Simmons, were neighbors.

He died on July 2, 1921, at age 77. (1910 Brunswick County census).

1. John W: b February 8, 1868; m 1894 Mary A. Britt (b January, 1868; d before 1910); d March 2, 1949. (1870, 1880 Brunswick County census). See next N.1.2.1.3.1.1.4.6.1.

2. Amanda: b February, 1870; m December 1, 1895, William K. Arnold (b 1866). (1880 Brunswick County census).

3. Charity: b January, 1873; m July 13, 1891, Peter Eichhorn (b 1870). (1880 Brunswick County census).

4. Virginia: b 1875; m September 28, 1894, Alfred Robinson (b 1871). (1880 Brunswick County census).

5. Margaret: b December, 1878; possibly the Margaret who married July 16, 1899, Alexander W. Simmons (d before 1910). (1880 Brunswick County census).

6. Benjamin Chester: b January, 1884; m December 6, 1904, in New Hanover County, Joanna Long (b October, 1882; d May, 1948, at New Hanover County), the daughter of Joseph H. Long and Dicey Ann of Little River, South Carolina. (1900 Brunswick County census). See next N.1.2.1.3.1.1.6.6.

7. Isaac S: b April, 1887, at Town Creek; m April 3, 1907, Eva Ethel Ward (b 1888). (1900, 1910 Brunswick County census). See next N.1.2.1.3.1.1.4.7.

N.1.2.1.3.1.1.4.6.1
JOHN W. WILLETS and MARY ANN BRITT
of Town Creek Township, Brunswick County, North Carolina

John W. Willets was born on February, 1868, at Town Creek, Brunswick County, North Carolina. He married in 1894 Mary Ann Britt (b January, 1868; d before 1910). (1870, 1880, 1900, 1910 Brunswick County census).

1. Rosabelle: b May, 1895; Robert H. Sellers. (1900, 1910 Brunswick County census).

2. Annie Lou: b March 28, 1897; m Wiley Barkley Sullivan; d June 19, 1980. (1900, 1910 Brunswick County census).

3. Daniel Wesley: b November 22, 1898; m December 24, 1921, Tressie Dilsaver; d January 25, 1979. (1900, 1910 Brunswick County census).

1. (child): b September 21, 1922, at Lockwood's Folly.

2. John W: b June 3, 1923, at Town Creek Township; m March 30, 1950, Evelyn Moody of Rocky Point, North Carolina.

3. Gretchen: b August, 1924; d November 22, 1924.

4. (child): b September 10, 1925.

5. (child): b June 3, 1927.

6. June Gray: b July 9, 1928; m Thomas Ernst of Belleville, Illinois.

7. Willa Mae: b August 10, 1930, at Town Creek; m James Wootenof Leland, North Carolina.

8. Jennie: m Charles Goodwin of Clemmons, North Carolina.

9. Dan: resides at Jacksonville, Florida.

4. Martha: b May 12, 1901; m Caison. (1910 Brunswick County census).

N.1.2.1.3.1.1.4.6.6
BENJAMIN CHESTER WILLETTS and JOANNA LONG
of Brunswick County, North Carolina

Benjamin Chester Willetts was born on January, 1884. He married on December 6, 1904, in New Hanover County, Joanna Long (b October, 1882; d May, 1948, at New Hanover County), the daughter of Joseph H. Long and Dicey Ann of Little River, South Carolina. (1900 Brunswick County census).

1. Elmira: b 1906. (1910 Brunswick County census).

2. Sidney Howard: b September 21, 1908; resides at Asheboro, North Carolina. (1910 Brunswick County census).

3. Bertha: b October 11, 1912, in New Hanover County; m Garner; d July 17, 1982.

4. Paul B: b 1914; m January 19, 1935, Ruth B. Mintz.

5. Berk: b October 2, 1918, at Town Creek Township.

6. John Edward: b 1926; m October 15, 1954, Marian Zulina Kelly.

7. Edna: m John Craven; of Scotts Hill.

8. Elizabeth Fretta; b August 16, 1916; m Harold Willetts; of Boliva, Brunswick County.

N.1.2.1.3.1.1.4.6.7
ISAAC S. WILLETTS and EVA ETHEL ARNOLD WARD
of Brunswick County, North Carolina

Isaac S. Willetts was born in April, 1887, at Town Creek. He married at Town Creek Township on April 3, 1907, Eva Ethel Ward (b January, 1888; d Novemebr 18, 1949), the daughter of Etheridge Lane and Barbara Ellen Arnold Ward); d April 11, 1974. (1900, 1910 Brunswick County census).

1. Myrtle Helen: b May 22, 1908; m Sullivan; resides in Wilmington. (1910 Brunswick County census).

2. Julia: b 1913; m John E. Swain of Bear Creek; d April 29, 1975.

3. Eugene Jackson: b April 16, 1917; of Winnabow; m Eunice Benton; d May 5, 1976, at Winnabow, Brunswick County.

    1. Eugene Jackson, Jr:

    2. Janette: m Edwards.

5. Ophelia: b June 16, 1919, at Town Creek; m Sellers.

5. Hattie Fisher: b September 28, 1922, at Town Creek; of Raleigh; m Lewis.

6. Eva Christine: b August 1, 1925, at Town Creek; m Potter.

7. Lane: of Winnabow.

8. Solomon Isaac: d April 14, 1942, at Town Creek.

N.1.2.1.3.1.1.4.9
JAMES ALLISON WILLETTS of Town Creek Township, Brunswick County

James Allison Willetts was born in March, 1852. It seems that James Allison began to consistently to spell his name with a second "T" after the Civil War, as did most of the other Brunswick County Willetts.

He married 1st April 2, 1876, Sarah Reynolds (b 1859); he married 2d September 7, 1877, Mary Robbins (b May, 1863).

He married 3d December 26, 1895, Sabra (Sadie) Elizabeth Futrelle (b March, 1863; d October 24, 1936, at Town Creek), the daughter of Hosie and Zilla Futrella. In 1880, James was a cooper. (1860, 1870, 1880, 1900, 1910 Brunswick County census).

James Allison Willett wrote his will on December 17, 1925. He left everything to his wife Sabra. There was a codicil which devised certain notes to be divided 3/5 to wife, and 2/5 to daughter Bessie.

1. Sarah: b November 1, 1878; m August 21, 1898, James E. Long. (1880 Brunswick County census).

2. Bessie: b October, 1881. (1900 Brunswick County census).

3. George Marshall: b April, 1884. (1900 Brunswick County census).

4. Daisy Ella: b April 9, 1885; m January 15, 1908, William K. Cox (b 1884). (1900 Brunswick County census).

5. Mary (Bessie) L: b July, 1887. (1900, 1910 Brunswick County census).

6. Marshall: b 1888. (1910 Brunswick County census).

7. Carl (adopted): b 1901. (1910 Brunswick County census).

N.1.2.1.3.1.1.4.14
JOSEPH W. WILLITS and MARY E. LEWIS
of Town Creek Township, Brunswick County, North Carolina

Joseph W. Willits was born in August, 1862, at Town Creek. He married by license dated February 28, 1883, and on March 1, 1883, Mary E. Lewis (b November, 1862), the daughter of Thomas W. and Sarah Clemmons Lewis. (1900, 1910 Brunswick County census).

1. Florence B: b June, 1884. (1900, 1910 Brunswick County census).

2. Thomas W: b September, 1886. (1900, 1910 Brunswick County census).

3. Mary E: b June, 1889. (1900, 1910 Brunswick County census).

4. Minnie J: b February, 1891. (1900, 1910 Brunswick County census).

5. Sarah L: b February, 1897. (1900, 1910 Brunswick County census).

6. Iredell: b June, 1900. (1900, 1910 Brunswick County census).

N.1.2.1.3.1.1.4.15
WILLIAM HENRY WILLITS and ANNIE E. ARNOLD
of Town Creek, Brunswick County, North Carolina

William Henry Willits was born in June, 1864. He married on December 9, 1889, Ann E. Arnold (b April, 1870), the daughter of Frederick and Eunice (Reynolds) Arnold. In 1900, his mother, Zelpha, was living with them. (1900, 1910 Brunswick County census).

1. William Edgar: b November 16, 1899, at Winnabow, Brunswick County; d June 12, 1972. (1900, 1910 Brunswick County census). See next N.1.2.1.3.1.1.4.15.1.

2. Zilpha: b March, 1892. (1900 Brunswick County census).

3. Phinnie (Eunice): b February, 1894; m September 9, 1920, Forest Strickland. (1900, 1910 Brunswick County census).

4. Frederick A: b January, 1896; m December 22, 1920, Violet Alma Potter (b August 26, 1904; d May 16, 1936, at New Hanover County). He married 2d on September 26, 1936, Virgie Ruth Russ (b 1909), the daughter of J. N. Russ and Naomi. (1900, 1910 Brunswick County census).

1. Robert Arnold: b 1938; m November 8, 1958, Nancy Marie Bell; of Carolina Beach.

5. George S: b 1896. (1910 Brunswick County census).

6. Henry W: b February, 1898; m April 5, 1919, Lillie Singletary (b September 6, 1900; d April 28, 1974, in Wilmington), the daughter of James Singletary and Carrie Minnie Hewett. (1900 Brunswick County census).

7. Frank S: b 1903; resides in Ingold. (1910 Brunswick County census).

8. Sydney D: b 1905; resides in Supply. (1910 Brunswick County census).

9. James Grimes: b April 23, 1909; m m September 13, 1939, Mary Lee Simmons, the daughter of C. D. and Lillie Simmons; d October 2, 1975. (1910 Brunswick County census). See next N.1.2.1.3.1.1.4.15.9.

10. Eliza: m Singletary.

11. Eula: m Boiling.

N.1.2.1.3.1.1.4.15.1
WILLIAM EDGAR WILLITS of Brunswick County, North Carolina

William Edgar Willits was born on November 16, 1899, at Winnabow, Brunswick County. He died on June 12, 1972.

1. Mary Annette: b 1937; m June 5, 1960, Wilbur Earl Earp (b 1930).

2. (daughter): m Wayne Lewis.

N.1.2.1.3.1.1.4.15.9

JAMES GRIMES WILLITS and MARY LEE SIMMONS of Brunswick County, North Carolina

James Grimes Willits was born on April 23, 1909. He married on September 13, 1939, Mary Lee Simmons, the daughter of C. D. and Lillie Simmons; d October 2, 1975.

1. James C: of Winnabow.

2. William S: of Winnabow.

3. Mary Jane: of Winnabow; m Strickland.

4. Gartha D: of Cowlesville, New York; m Donovan.

N.1.2.1.3.1.1.6

HENRY B. WILLETTS of Town Creek Township, Brunswick County, North Carolina

Henry B. Willits was born in 1819. About 1840, he married 1st Elizabeth (b 1819; d after 1850).

He married 2d on March 14, 1867, Mrs. Sarah Ann (Biggs) Willets, widow, (b January, 1835). She was the widow of his nephew, William Julius Willetts who had died. William Julius Willetts had been captured at the fall of Fort Fisher on January 15, 1865, and he had died in a prisoner of war camp at Elmira, New York, on March 4, 1865. She brought with her at least 2 sons, James W., and Alonza John Willetts.

He was a farmer at Town Creek Township, Brunswick County, North Carolina. (1850, 1860, 1870 Brunswick County census).

1. John Jacob: b 1843; m Mary A. Ganey? (1850, 1860 Brunswick County census).

2. Henry W: b 1846. (1850, 1860, 1870 Brunswick County census).

3. Alfred: b 1849 in Brunswick County; m September 15, 1869, Louisa A. Flowers (b February, 1850), the daughter of John W. and Caroline Flowers; he was a farmer. (1850, 1860 Brunswick County census). See next N.1.2.1.3.1.1.6.4.

4. William Walker: b January, 1855, in Brunswick County; married by license of October 26, 1878, Frances L. Ganey; d December 22, 1940. (1860, 1870 Brunswick County census). See next N.1.2.1.3.1.1.6.4.

5. Mary Eliza: b 1856; m J. M. Branch; d December 3, 1885. (1860, 1870 Brunswick County census).

6. Sarah E: b 1858; m October 15, 1882, William F. Gore. (1860, 1870 Brunswick County census).

7. Kate J: b 1869 in Brunswick County. (1870 Brunswick County census).

8. Fannie B. (or P.): b 1872; m December 19, 1895, Michael L. Flowers (b 1873).

N.1.2.1.3.1.1.6.3

ALFRED WILLETTS and LOUISA A. FLOWERS of Brunswick County, North Carolina

Alfred Willetts was born in 1849 in Brunswick County. He married on September 15, 1869, Louisa A. Flowers (b February, 1850), the daughter of John W. and Caroline Flowers. He was a farmer. (1850, 1860 Brunswick County census).

1. Samuel: b 1871, Brunswick County.

2. John H: b 1873; Brunswick County.

3. George Franklin: b 1874; m Mary Leighton Gray; d February 20, 1958. See next N.1.2.1.3.1.1.6.3.2.

4. William M. N: b 1876.

N.1.2.1.3.1.1.6.3.3
GEORGE FRANKLIN WILLETTS and MARY LEIGHTON GRAY
of Town Creek Township, Brunswick County, North Carolina

George Franklin Willetts was born on January, 1875. He married by license dated November 8, 1894, Mary Leighton Gray (b March, 1875; d June 15, 1951, in Brunswick County), the daughter of Benjamin Franklin Gray and Alice Harris.

He died on February 20, 1958, at Winnabow, Brunswick County. (1900, 1910 Brunswick County cenus).

1. Adrian Leroy: b January, 1896; m June 16, 1916, Flossie Outlaw (b April, 1899; d January 9, 1973), the daughter of Elion R. Outlaw and Hattie Reynolds; d August 25, 1973, at Southport. (1900, 1910 Brunswick County census). See next N.1.2.1.3.1.1.6.3.3.1.

2. Harry Lee: b March, 1898; m December 27, 1916, Beulah Hickman (b 1899), the daughter of George F. Hickman and Elizabeth Robbins. (1900, 1910 Brunswick County census).

1. Vivian Elaine: b January 24, 1923; d March 15, 1964.

2. Lois: b May 16, 1925, in Brunswick County; d June 14, 1927, in New Hanover County.

3. Harry Lee: b 1931; d January 21, 1932, in New Hanover County.

4. Guy: b December 23, 1932; m June 30, 1955, Doris Danford, at Town Creek.

5. Alfred: b October 18, 1936, at Town Creek.

3. Lucian B: b August, 1899. (1900, 1910 Brunswick County census).

4. Wardie Helen: b March 4, 1901; D. L. Potter; of Leland, North Carolina. (1910 Brunswick County census).

5. Mautsby: b 1904; m Mills. (1910 Brunswick County census).

6. Annie May: b February 26, 1905, in Brunswick County; m Elmer R. Alburger; d April 24, 1974, in Marion, Pennsylvania. (1910 Brunswick County census).

7. Lillian: b July 26, 1908; m Thomas; of Winnabow. (1910 Brunswick County census).

8. Roosevelt: b 1909; of Winnabow. (1910 Brunswick County census).

9. Dorothy Gray: b January 9, 1914, at Town Creek; m Cyphers.

10. Thelma: m Varnum; resided in Tacoma, Washington.

11. Roger Wallace: b December 30, 1916; resided in Williamsburg, Virginia.

N.1.2.1.3.1.1.6.3.3.1
ADRIAN LEROY WILLETTS and FLOSSIE OUTLAW of Brunswick County

Adrian Leroy Willetts was born in January, 1896. He married on June 16, 1916, Flossie Outlaw (b April, 1899; d January 9, 1973), the daughter of Elion R. Outlaw and Hattie Reynolds; d August 25, 1973, at Southport.

1. Simon: b May 10, 1918, at Town Creek.

2. Katherine: b February 6, 1922, at Northwest; m April 18, 1947, Alex Diaz (b 1923); resides Chatham, Virginia.

3. Helen: b August 12, 1923; m December 20, 1941, Paul Edward Hufham (b 1920); of Boliva, Brunswick County.

4. Adrian Larnel: b October 3, 1927, in Brunswick County; m Lois Sasser; d June 11, 1980, at Whiteville, Columbus, North Carolina.

    1. Stephen Larnell:

    2. Phyllis: m Long; resides Charlotte.

    3. Susan Renee; b September 6, 1954; m Roberts; resides Charlotte.

5. Verna Arlene: b March 31, 1932; m John H. Croom III; resides Wilmington, Delaware.

6. Hattie Gray: b January 11, 1934, at Town Creek; m March 18, 1954, John M. Carraway (b 1923); resides Jacksonville.

7. Clara Lea: b May 30, 1935; m Donald Parker; resides Kelly.

8. Styron: resides Winnabow.

9. Evelyn: m Seagraves; resides Winnabow.

N.1.2.1.3.1.1.6.4
WILLIAM WALKER WILLETTS of Town Creek, Brunswick County, North Carolina

William Walker Willetts was born January, 1854, in Brunswick County. He married 1st on October 26, 1878, Frances L. Ganey (b May, 1860; d November 9, 1902; buried at Mill Creek Cemetery).

He married 2d Nancy Jane Bellamy (b South Carolina).

William Walker Willetts died on December 22, 1940. His will is dated December 1, 1924. He left to sons W. Marshall, Robert S., C. Peale, one dollar each; to daughters Eliza Sellers, Carrie Robbins, and Mattie Hilburn, $5.00 each; to wife Nancy Bellamy Willetts a life estate; to sons Joseph Britt, and Elmore E., land on Mill Creek Highway at Horse Pen Branch. He died on December 22, 1940, at Town Creek.

(1900, 1910 Brunswick County census).

1. Edward A: b August 23, 1879; m March 23, 1902, Ida P. Robbins (b November, 1875), the daughter of Napolean B. Robbins and Susan M. Beck. Edward Willetts died on November 25, 1902. In 1910, after being widowed, she was living with her parents.

She m 2d by license on July 14, 1917, E. V. Shitton. (1900 Brunswick County census).

2. William Marshall: b April, 1882; m 1907 Emma Isadore McDowell. (1900 Brunswick County census). See next N.1.2.1.3.1.1.6.4.2.

3. Robert Sisco: b February, 1884; m April 22, 1906, Daisy Ella Cumbee (b 1884). (1900, 1910 Brunswick County census). See next N.1.2.1.3.1.1.6.4.3.

4. Eliza E: b January, 1886; m September 2, 1904, G. W. Sellers; d July 23, 1959. (1900 Brunswick County census).

5. Carrie A: b January, 1888; m January 30, 1905, Melvin Robbins (b 1882). (1900 Brunswick County census).

6. Alice: b April, 1890; m April 5, 1911, J. A. Carter (b 1889). (1900 Brunswick County census).

7. Lettie: b March, 1893; m June 5, 1910, R. H. Sellers (b 1887). (1900, 1910 Brunswick County census).

8. Calvin Peel: b August 1, 1895, at Winnabow, Brunswick County; m 1st August 9, 1917, Zula Smith (b August 15, 1897; d September 17, 1917), the daughter of John H. and Roanna G. (Swain) Smith; m 2d Hattie Lewis; d January 22, 1967, in Wilmington. (1900, 1910 Brunswick County census).

1. Graham Arliss: b 1938 in Boliva, Brunswick County; m April 22, 1959, at the Zion Methodist Church in Boliva, Brunswick County, Edna Faye Skipper; d March 15, 1977, at Boliva, Brunswick County.

9. Mattie: b 1901; Hilburn. (1910 Brunswick County census).

10. Joseph Britt: b August 15, 1915, at Town Creek Township in Brunswick County; m August 6, 1979, Esther Mae Potter; d August 6, 1979, at Winnabow.

1. Barbara Jean: b April 4, 1943; m Lancaster.

2. Joseph Britt, Jr: b November 26, 1955, at Smithville, Brunswick County.

3. Michael Calvin: b January 11, 1960, at Smithville, Brunswick County.

11. Nellie W: b January 19, 1917, at Town Creek Township; m December 17, 1942, Jack Garner McCracken (b 1912).

12. William Elmore: b May 21, 1919, at Town Creek Township; m Louise; resides at Smithville, Brunswick County.

1. Jerry Dale: b January 4, 1955, at Smithville.

N.1.2.1.3.1.1.6.4.2
WILLIAM MARSHALL WILLITS and EMMA ISADORE MCDOWELL
of Town Creek Township, Brunswick County, North Carolina

William Marshall Willits was born in April, 1882. He married in 1907 Emma (Eunice) Isadore McDowell (b August 10, 1886; d August 7, 1949, at New Hanover), the daughter of Thomas and Ellen (Long) McDowell. (1910 Brunswick County census).

1. Lida: b 1907. (1910 Brunswick County census).

2. William Newman: b November 6, 1907; m Marie Benton; d January 7, 1960. (1910 Brunswick County census).

3. Taft: b 1909. (1910 Brunswick County census).

4. Vonnie Drew: b October 2, 1911.

5. Geneva W: b June 26, 1915, at Town Creek.

6. Marshall: b June 9, 1917.

7. Orilla Jane: b September 3, 1919.

8. Norley W: b July 23, 1923, at Town Creek; m Mabel.

1. Norley Owen, Jr: b Ocotber 5, 1944, at Smithville.

2. Reta Gray: b March 16, 1951, at Smithville.

9. James N: b October 26, 1926.

10. William Marshall: b August 30, 1928, at Town Creek Township.

N.1.2.1.3.1.1.6.4.3
ROBERT SISCO WILLETTS and DAISY ELLA CUMBEE
of Town Creek Township, Brunswick County, North Carolina

Robert Sisco Willetts was born in February, 1884. He married in April 22, 1906, Daisy Ella Cumbee (b 1883), the daughter of Kenneth and Urcilla M. (Potter) Cumbee. In 1910, they were living in Town Creek Township, Brunswick County, either with or next door to his father, Walker. (1900, 1910 Brunswick County census).

1. Clayton Talmadge: b August 18, 1906; m June 22, 1945, at Winnabow, Ira Glenn Swain (b 1910), R. S. Willetts, Jr., was a witness. Clayton died on October 16, 1980, at Winnabow, North Carolina. (1910 Brunswick County census).

1. Clayton Talmadge: of California.

2. Charles: of California.

3. Faye Anne: of California; m James Tippens.

4. Kleta Naomi: b August 2, 1938, at Town Creek Township; m Ceci; of California.

2. Linnal Weston: b 1908; d December 28, 1967, at Town Creek. (1910 Brunswick County census).

3. Hugh Delmas, Sr: b 1910; of Winnabow; d June 21, 1981; buried Willetts Cemetery.

1. Hugh Delmas, Jr: bn 1935; m June 9, 1956, Polly Ann Lanier (b 1937), Mrs. H. D. Willetts, Sr., was a witness to the marriage; resides at Winnabow.

4. Harold S: b April 12, 1915, at Town Creek; of Boliva.

5. Eloise W: b July 8, 1918; m Connor; of Holly Hill, South Carolina.

6. Robert Sisco: b October 30, 1920, at Smithville; m January 13, 1945, Marjorie Doris Hickman, at Winnabow.

7. Julius Roy: b June 29, 1926, in Winnabow, Brunswick County; m in Conway, South Carolina, October 16, 1946, Mildred Inez Mintz (b August 29, 1931, in Wilmington), the daughter of James Oliver and Abbie Smith Mintz; d January 4, 1976, at Boliva. (Descendents of Elisha Smith of Duplin County, North Carolina, 1971, page 303). See next N.1.2.1.3.1.1.6.4.3.7.

N.1.2.1.3.1.1.6.4.3.7
JULIUS ROY WILLETTS and MILDRED INEZ MINTZ of Winnabow, Brunswick County

Julius Roy Willetts was born on June 29, 1926, at Town Creek Township in Winnabow, Brunswick County. He married (1st?) in Conway, South Carolina, October 16, 1946, Mildred Inez Mintz (b August 29, 1931, in Wilmington), the daughter of James Oliver and Abbie

Smith Mintz; d January 4, 1976. (Descendents of Elisha Smith of Duplin County, North Carolina, 1971, page 303).

1. Ruby Paulette: b abt 1946?

2. Linda Faye: b September 25, 1947; m Billy Aron Fowler.

3. James Robert: b December 30, 1948, in Wilmington, North Carolina.

4. Abbie Jean: b March 31, 1950, in Wilmington; m March 31, 1968, Norwood Bass.

5. Glinda (twin): b March 19, 1956, at Smithville.

6. Blinda (twin): b March 19, 1956, at Smithville.

7. Darrel Ray: b January 8, 1958, at Smithville.

8. Allen Dale: b June 23, 1959, at Smithville.

9. Hiram Jay: b May 31, 1960, at Smithville.

10. Donna Lynn: b February 19, 1962.

11. Gwendolyn: b May 20, 1963, at Smithville.

12. Theresa Denise: b August 9, 1964, at Smithville.

N.1.2.1.6

HENRY WILLITS and SARAH LEE of Maiden Creek, Berks County, Pennsylvania

Henry Willits was born on November 14, 1714, at Little Egg Harbor, New Jersey. Henry was raised as a Quaker and followed that faith all his life. He married on February 4, 1746, at the Exeter Meeting, Berks County, Sarah Lee (b August 29, 1717; d December 22, 1754; buried at Maiden Creek Meeting Bucks County, Pennsylvania). Sarah Lee was the daughter of Anthony Lee and Mary Whitaker of Oley.

Henry and Sarah moved to Haddonfield, Camden County, New Jersey, in 1730. Haddonfield is within 10 miles of the towns of Camden and Philadelphi. They must have soon moved on to Maiden Creek, Berks County, Pennsylvania, where Henry bought a farm of 213 acres.

> "This is now what is called Ontelaunee Township, about 9 miles north of Reading, Pennsylvania. At that time, there were about 70 families in the vincity, land having been taken up by Friends about 1732. January 2, 1746, he was one of the signers of a petition for erecting a township. This petition was granted in December, 1746, and Maiden Creek Township formed. Ontelaunee Township was separated from Maiden Creek in 1849. It is an Indian name meaning Little Daughter" (H. B. Willits, 1925, page 4).

Henry Willits died on January 7, 1755. He is buried at the Maiden Creek Meeting, Berks County.

(Bookstaver, page 109; Bunker, page 87; H. B. Willits, page 4).

1. Samuel: b November 19, 1746, at Maiden Creek, Berks County, Pennsylvania; m abt 1770 Ann; removed to Deer Creek, Fayette County, Pennsylvania.

    1. Cassandra: b abt 1775.

2. John: b December (10th month) 23, 1748, in Berks County, Pennsylvania; m at Exeter on June 11, 1772, Rachel Hughes, the daughter of Samuel Hughes of Exeter, and the granddaughter of Elizabeth Willits (b 1725; d 1753), and the great granddaughter of Thomas and Rachel (Powell) Willits; d July 11, 1826. See next N.1.2.1.6.2.

3. Jesse: b December 28, 1750; m November 9, 1779, Phoebe Hutton (b January 11, 1762; d April 10, 1828), the daughter of John and Mary Hutton of Maiden Creek; d December 13, 1817. See next N.1.2.1.6.3.

4. Amos: b March 11, 1753, in Berks County, Pennsylvania; m October 11, 1776, Dinah Rees (d 1843 at Goshen, Berks County, Pennsylvania); d 1794 at Goshen, Berks County, Pennsylvania.

    1. Sarah: b abt 1780.

N.1.2.1.6.2
JOHN WILLITS and RACHEL HUGHES of Frederick County, Maryland

John Willits was born on December (10th month) 23, 1748, in Berks County, Pennsylvania. He married at Exeter, Pennsylvania, on June 11, 1772, Rachel Hughes (b January 25, 1748; d October 8, 1830, at Redstone, Fayette County, Pennsylvania), the daughter of Samuel Hughes and Elizabeth Willets of Exeter, and the granddaughter of Elizabeth Willits (b 1725; d December 12, 1753), and the great granddaughter of Thomas and Rachel (Powell) Willits.

They retained their Quaker faith throughout their life. They resided in Frederick County, Maryland from the time of their marriage in 1772 until at least 1784. Frederick County adjoins Jefferson County, Virginia (now West Virginia), and is just south of Berkeley County, Virginia (now West Virginia).

John Willits died on July 11, 1826, in Fayette County, Pennsylvania. He is buried at Sandy Creek, Fayette County, Pennsylvania.

(Bartlett, pages 184-185; A History of Preston County, West Virginia, 1914, page 480).

1. Samuel: b November 28, 1773, in Frederick County, Maryland; m March 3, 1796, at Sandy Creek Monthly Meeting, Monongahila County, (West) Virginia, Elizabeth Morton, the daughter of Samuel and Hannah (Taylor) Morton; d June 23, 1831, near Fredericktown, Knox County, Ohio; buried in the Friends Cemetery. See next N.1.2.1.6.2.1.

2. Sarah: b June 29, 1776, at Frederick County, Maryland; m December 14, 1797, Samuel Cope; d June, 1869.

3. Ellis: b May 1, 1778, at Frederick County, Maryland; m 1804 Hannah Caldren; d March, 1854. See next N.1.2.1.6.2.1.3.

4. Elizabeth: b March 21, 1781, in Frederick County, Maryland; m at Sandy Creek Meeting on June 24, 1805, Samuel Foreman (d October 7, 1847); d August 20, 1841.

    1. Jesse Foreman: b June 2, 1805.

    2. Deborah Foreman: b January 10, 1807.

    3. Ann Foreman: b March 4, 1809.

    4. Rhoda Foreman: b March 1, 1811.

    5. Hannah Foreman: b May 23, 1813.

    6. Abner Foreman: b April 7, 1815.

    7. Elli Foreman: b October 9, 1810.

    8. Richard Foreman: b July 4, 1818.

    9. James Foreman: b February 16, 1822; d August 21, 1891.

5. Jesse: b October 15, 1784, at Frederick County, Maryland; m June 8, 1809, at Redstone Monthly Meeting, Monogalia, (West) Virginia, Rebecca Foreman, the daughter of Robert and Mary (Naylor) Foreman; d October 1, 1831, at Brandonville, (West) Virginia; buried at Sandy Creek Cemetery. See next N.1.2.1.6.2.5.

N.1.2.6.2.1
SAMUEL WILLITS and ELIZABETH MORTON
of Monongalia County, (West) Virginia, and Jefferson County, Ohio

Samuel Willits was born on November 28, 1773, in Frederick County, Maryland. He married on March 3, 1796, at Sandy Creek Monthly Meeting, Monongahila County, (West) Virginia, Elizabeth Morton (d June 23, 1831, at Middleburg, Ohio), the daughter of Samuel and Hannah (Taylor) Morton.

They seemed to have lived in Monongalia County, (West) Virginia, for a while, and then later in life in Jefferson County, Ohio.

> "Certificate from Redstone Monthly Meeting, Fayette County, Pennsylvania, to Short Creek Monthly Meeting, Jefferson County, Ohio, on March 3, 1815" (Bartlett, page 184).

Samuel died on June 23, 1831, near Fredericktown, Knox County, Ohio; buried in the Friends Cemetery.

(Bartlett, pages 184, 225, 228-229).

1. Isaiah: b March 31, 1797; d June 17, 1832, unmarried.

2. Ellis: b October 16, 1798; m June 5, 1822, Rachel Lewis; d June 2, 1868.

3. John M: b May 7 (or 9), 1800; m November 25, 1829, Elizabeth P. Purviance; d September 24, 1843.

4. Eli: b August 25, 1801; m 1st December 1, 1831, Lamiva Elliot (d January 29, 1855), the daughter of John and Rachel Elliot; m 2d April 2, 1856, Elizabeth Bill (Jeffers); m 3d November 22, 1861, Sarah Child; d February 25, 1871. See next N.1.2.1.6.2.1.4.

5. Joel: b October 22, 1804, in (West) Virginia; m February 5, 1827, at the Owl Creek Meeting, Knox County, Ohio, Cythnia Lewis (b August 5, 1805, in Westland, Washington County, Pennsylvania), the daughter of John and Hannah (Roberts) Lewis; d November 8, 1864. See next N.1.2.1.6.2.1.5.

6. Taylor: b June 10, 1806.

7. Sarah: b November 13, 1809; m May 1, 1833, Thomas Sharp; d October 22, 1841.

8. Samuel: b October 6, 1814; d May 4, 1815.

N.1.2.1.6.2.1.4
ELI WILLITS of Knox County, Ohio

Eli Willits was born on August 25, 1801, probably in (West) Virginia. He married 1st on December 1, 1831, Lamiva Elliot (d January 29, 1855), the daughter of John and Rachel Elliot.

After the death of his first wife, he married 2d on April 2, 1856, Elizabeth Bill (Jeffers). He married 3d on November 22, 1861, Sarah Child.

He died on February 25, 1871.

(Bartlett, page 225).

1. Morton H: b November 13, 1832; m 1st May 20, 1855, Martha C. Jackson (d January 22, 1864), the daughter of Silas and Mary Jackson; m 2d December 4, 1864, Mary Lewis (b April 18, 1842), the daughter of James and Mary (Dickens) Lewis; d April 13, 1907. See next N.1.2.1.6.2.1.4.1.

2. John Elliot: b June 6, 1835; m March 30, 1859, Margaret L. Johnson; d after 1909.

N.1.2.1.6.2.1.4.1
MORTON H. WILLITS of Ohio

Morton H. Willits was born on November 13, 1832. He married 1st on May 20, 1855, Martha C. Jackson (d January 22, 1864), the daughter of Silas and Mary Jackson.

He married 2d on December 4, 1864, Mary Lewis (b April 18, 1842), the daughter of James and Mary (Dickens) Lewis.

Morton Willits died on April 13, 1907.

(Bartlett, page 225).

1. Lamiva: b July 31, 1856; m February 6, 1878, Eugene B. Wilkes.

2. (son): b and d May 21, 1858.

3. Mary: b December 7, 1860; m abt 1880 Adelbert Whitney; d after 1909.

4. Martha: b December 14, 1863; m abt 1885 Alvin Willis; d after 1909.

5. Elmer E: b October 5, 1866; a carpenter and contractor in Seattle, Washington; m 1st Jane Riley; m 2d December 3, 1904, Anna C. Halverson. See next N.1.2.1.6.2.1.4.1.5.

6. Charles M: b March 5, 1869; m September 12, 1904, Josephine A. Bartleson. See next N.1.2.1.6.2.1.4.1.6.

7. Edward C: b April 7, 1871; unmarried; d after 1909.

8. Le Roy: b March 1, 1878; d December 10, 1878.

N.1.2.1.6.1.4.1.5
ELMER E. WILLITS of Seattle Washington

Elmer E. Willits was born on October 5, 1866. He was a carpenter and contractor in Seattle, Washington. He married 1st Jane Riley.

He married 2d on December 3, 1904, Anna C. Halverson.

(Bartlett, page 333).

1. Ernest: b May 28, 1887.

2. Claude: b August 24, 1891.

3. Evelyn Ruth: b May 30, 1906.

N.1.2.1.6.2.1.4.1.6
CHARLES M. WILLITS and JOSEPHINE A. BARTLESON

Charles M. Willits was born on March 5, 1869. He married on September 12, 1904, Josephine A. Bartleson.

1. Morton H: b September 29, 1905.

2. Francis E: b October 24, 1907.

3. Edith L: b September 30, 1909.

N.1.2.1.6.2.1.5
JOEL WILLITS and CYNTHIA LEWIS of Morrow County, Ohio

Joel Willits was born on October 22, 1804, in (West) Virginia. He married on February 5, 1827, at the Owl Creek Meeting, near Fredericktown, Knox County, Ohio, Cythnia Lewis (b August 5, 1805, in Westland, Washington County, Pennsylvania), the daughter of John and Hannah (Roberts) Lewis.

Perhaps, he began to be separated from the demanding faith of the Quaker religion which he was raised in. Either he began to separate, or at least his son, William, did so.

Joel Willits died on November 8, 1864.

(Bartlett, page 228).

1. John: b August 7, 1828; m abt 1850 Clarissa Osborne.

2. William: b January 19, 1831, in Morrow County, Ohio; m November 10, 1861, Lucinda Grady. See next N.1.2.1.6.2.1.5.

3. Samuel: b April 22, 1833.

4. Elvira: b March 29, 1835; m abt 1855 Stephen Wood.

5. Deborah: b April 10, 1837; m February 11, 1858, Benjamin Sharpless; d April 21, 1875.

6. Wendell: b October 31, 1839; d January 30, 1893, unmarried.

7. Esther: b September 1, 1841; d April 27, 1881, unmarried.

8. Clayton N: b May 6, 1845; m 1866 Mary Vickers (b 1847, England; buried Cardington, Morrow County, Ohio. See next N.1.2.1.6.2.1.5.8.

9. Sarah Ellen: b April 29, 1848; m abt 1870 Griffith G. Benedict.

N.1.2.1.6.2.1.5.2
WILLIAM WILLITS and LUCINDA GRADY of Carrington, Morrow County, Ohio

William Willits was born on January 31, 1831, in Morrow County, Ohio. He married in Knox County, Ohio, on November 10, 1861, Lucinda Grandy. He was a farmer and stock raiser who lived at Cardington, Morrow County, Ohio.

William Willits was born into a Quaker family, but evidently became separated from that religion.

> "William Willits received but a meager education, as his services were almost constantly required upon the farm. During the late war, he served his country in Company I, 3d Ohio Volunteer Infantry; after his return home he engaged in agricultural pursuits, a business he has since continued in" (History of Morrow County, and Ohio, 1880, page 589).

William began life as a poor boy, but became a self-made man. He owned 80 acres of well improved land in Cardington Township. He was a member of the Universalist Church of Mount Gilead.
(Bartlett, page 228; History of Morrow County, and Ohio, 1880, page 589).

1. Estella: b abt 1863.

2. William A: b abt 1866.

3. Edward M: b abt 1868.

N.1.2.1.6.2.1.5.8
CLAYTON N. WILLITS and MARY VICKERS of Cardington, Morrow County, Ohio

Clayton N. Willits was born on May 6, 1845, in Morrow County, Ohio. He married in 1866 Mary Vickers (b 1847, England; buried Carrington, Morrow County, Ohio).
(Bartlett, page 229).

1. Bernard: b abt 1868.

2. Milton: b abt 1870.

3. Bertha: b abt 1872.

4. Ralph: b abt 1875.

5. Kathleen: b abt 1877.

N.1.2.1.6.2.1.3
ELLIS WILLITS and HANNAH CALDREN of Frederick County, Maryland

Ellis Willits was born on May 1, 1778, at Frederick County, Maryland. He married in 1804 Hannah Caldren. Ellis Willits died in March, 1854.

1. Mark: b October 17, 1805.

2. Sarah: b April 8, 1807.

3. Rachel: b September 9, 1809; d May 23, 1836.

4. Guli Ann: b November 22, 1813.

5. Eliza: b May 18, 1816; d February 6, 1830.

6. Lydia: b January 25, 1822; d March 22, 1827.

7. John: b November 10, 1830.

N.1.2.1.6.2.5
JESSE WILLITS and REBECCA FOREMAN
of Brandonville, Preston County, (West) Virginia

Jesse Willits was born on October 15, 1784, at Frederick County, Maryland. He married on June 8, 1809, at Redstone Monthly Meeting, Monogalia, (West) Virginia, Rebecca Foreman, the daughter of Robert and Mary (Naylor) Foreman.

Jesse died on October 1, 1831, at Brandonville, (West) Virginia. He is buried at Sandy Creek Cemetery.

(Bartlett, pages 230-231; A History of Preston County, Virginia, 1914, page 480).

1. Isreal: b November 29, 1809, at Brandonville, Preston County, (West) Virginia; d October 11, 1858; buried at Sandy Creek Cemetery.

2. Asa: b September 19, 1811, at Brandonville, Preston County, (West) Virginia; d November 4, 1811; buried at Sandy Creek Cemetery.

3. Ruth: b May 29, 1813, at Brandonville, Preston County, (West) Virginia; m February 1, 1837, Frankhouser.

4. Lee: b September 27, 1815, at Brandonville, Preston County, (West) Virginia; d October 17, 1831.

5. Rachel: b April 4, 1818, at Brandonville, Preston County, (West) Virginia; m 1838.

6. Ammi: b August 18, 1820, at Preston City, Preston County, (West) Virginia; m December 25, 1844, at Smithfield, Jefferson County, Ohio, Maria Hammond (b 1825 Jefferson City, Ohio; d July 1, 1912; buried at Whittier, Los Angeles County, California); d September 2, 1890, in Mitchel, Davison County, South Dakota. See next N.1.2.1.6.2.5.6.

7. Ezra: b May 6, 1824, at Brandonville, Preston County, (West) Virginia.

8. Milton: b February 12, 1827, at Brandonville, Preston County, (West) Virginia; d December 21, 1845; buried at Sandy Creek Cemetery.

9. Mary: b November 29, 1830, at Brandonville, Preston County, (West) Virginia; d December 25, 1830; buried at Sandy Creek Cemetery.

N.1.2.1.6.5.6
AMMI WILLITS and MARIA HAMMOND
of Jefferson County, Ohio, and Le Grand, Marshal County, Iowa

Ammi Willits was born on August 18, 1820, at Preston City, Preston County, (West) Virginia. He married on December 25, 1844, at Smithfield, Jefferson County, Ohio, Maria Hammond (b 1825 Jefferson City, Ohio; d July 1, 1912; buried at Whittier, Los Angeles County, California), the daughter of Benjamin and Margaret Hammond.

He died on September 2, 1890, in Mitchel, Davison County, South Dakota.

1. Milton B: b July 31, 1847, at Smithfield, Jefferson County, Ohio; d Le Grand, Davison County, Iowa; unmarried.

2. Mary H: b August 26, 1850, at Smithfield, Jefferson County, Ohio; m August 26, 1875, John R. White.

3. James Naylor: b June 21, 1864, at Le Grand, Davison County, Iowa; m April 17, 1888, at Cherokee, Cherokee County, Iowa, Alverda Parsons. See next N.1.2.1.6.2.5.6.3.

N.1.2.1.6.2.5.6.3
JAMES NAYLOR WILLITS and ALVERDA PARSONS
of Idaho Falls, Bonneville County, Idaho

James Naylor Willits was born on June 21, 1864, at Le Grand, Davison County, Iowa. He married on April 17, 1888, at Cherokee, Cherokee County, Iowa, Alverda Parsons.

They moved to Idaho Falls, Bonneville County, Idaho, immiediately after their marriage. After remaining there until at least 1892, they moved back to Iowa.

1. Andrew Ammi: b September 19, 1889, at Idaho Falls, Bonneville County, Idaho; m Estelle Fortney.

2. Hazel Magdeline: b October 11, 1891, at Idaho Falls, Bonneville County, Idaho; m William Black.

3. James Everette: b March 27, 1895, at Correctionville, Woodbury County, Iowa; m Ida Fern Burger.

N.1.2.1.6.3

JESSE WILLITS and PHOEBE HUTTON of Maiden Creek, Berks County, Pennsylvania

Jesse Willits was born on December 28, 1750. He married in Berks County, Pennsylvania, on November 6, 1779, Phoebe Hutton (or Penrose) (b January 11, 1762; d April 10, 1828), the daughter of John and Mary Hutton of Maiden Creek.

> "She was a descendent of Nehemiah Hutton who came from Ireland in 1733 or before, and purchased land in Maiden Creek Township half of which later descended to Thomas Willits (grandson of Jesse Willits). Phoebe was the only daughter of Nehemiah Hutton's son John by his second marriage to Mary, widow of John Wily to whom he was married December 6, 1758" (H. B. Willits, page 6).

> Jesse Willits "lived on a farm of 273 acres inherited by his wife, and in addition to farming, he was the untertaker for the country round about, and had charge of many of the funerals in that part of the county" (Biographical Sketches of Leading Citizens of Berks County, Pennsylvania, 1898, 293).

Jesse was a teacher at Maiden Creek Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania. In the 1790 census he is listed as having a household of eight males over 16 years of age and six females.

He died on December 13, 1817, at Maiden Creek, Berks County, Pennsylvania.

(Bookstaver, page 110; Bunker, page 87; H. B. Willits, pages 6-8).

1. John Hutton: b November 2, 1782; m at Maiden Creek, Berks County, Pennsylvania, on October 13, 1831, Edith Wood Bullock (d April 22, 1874; buried at Fair Hill), the daughter of Anthony Bullock and Hannah Wood; d November 10, 1861. See next N.1.2.1.6.3.1.

2. Sarah: b March 16, 1784, at Maiden Creek, Berks County; m May 4, 1808, John Starr Pearson (b August 26, 1781; d September 26, 1831), the son of Thomas Pearson and Sarah Starr who had been married December 22, 1780; d May 11, 1809.

3. Mary: b March 24, 1785; d January 13, 1786, at Maiden Creek, Berks County.

4. Mary (II): b December 18, 1786, at Maiden Creek; m April 7, 1813, John Starr (b July 31, 1777; d June 25, 1850), the son of James and Elizabeth Starr; d December 30, 1865, at Wayne County, Indiana; buried in Richmond County, Indiana.

1. Elizabeth Starr: b abt 1815.

2. Jesse Starr: b abt 1817.

3. Joshua Starr: b abt 1818.

4. Phebe Starr: b abt 1820.

5. William Starr: b abt 1822.

6. James Starr: b abt 1825.

7. Sarah Starr: b abt 1827.

5. William: b April 6, 1789, on the Hutton property in Maiden Creek Township; m April 8, 1818, Esther Lighfoot (b July 2, 1790; d May 5, 1871, age 80), the daughter of Thomas Lightfoot (b July 21, 1742; d December 24, 1821) and Hannah Wright (b June 13, 1752; d March 6, 1832) who had been married May 11, 1774; d October 2, 1852. See next N.1.2.1.6.3.5.

6. Elizabeth: b March 21, 1791, at Maiden Creek; m May 7, 1817, Jacob Lightfoot (b February 6, 1793; d September 11, 1857), the brother of Esther Lightfoot; d January 25, 1869.

7. Henry: b February 5, 1793, at Maiden Creek; m at Maiden Creek, on December 23, 1829, Anna Brown (b October 10, 1818; d 1881), the daughter of Mahlon Brown and Alice Thomas; d October, 1864.

8. Esther: b January 25, 1795, at Maiden Creek; m April 1, 1818, Nehemiah Starr (b July 21, 1793; d December 11, 1829), the son of James Starr and Eleanor Davis who had married September 6, 1792; d May 5, 1877.

9. Phebe: b February 23, 1797, at Maiden Creek; m December 5, 1827, Thomas Pearson (b May 28, 1799; d September 5, 1873), the son of Thomas and Lydia (Cox) Pearson who had married May 19, 1798; d October 19, 1865.

10. Susanna: b October 3, 1799, at Maiden Creek; d August 28, 1831; unmarried.

11. Jesse: b January 17, 1802, at Maiden Creek; m June 23, 1828, Margaret Lightfoot (b at Maiden Creek February 24, 1803; d at Muncy March 8, 1877), the daughter of Samuel and Rachel (Yarnell) Lightfoot; d July 25, 1867. See next N.1.2.1.6.3.11.

12. Deborah: b March 31, 1805, at Maiden Creek; d July 20, 1841; unmarried.

N.1.2.1.6.3.1

JOHN HUTTON WILLITS and EDITH WOOD BULLOCK of Berks County, Pennsylvania

John Hutton Willits was born on November 2, 1782, at Maiden Creek, Berks County, Pennsylvania. He married in Berks County, Pennsylvania, on October 13, 1831, Edith Wood Bullock (b February 28, 1799; d April 22, 1874; buried at Fair Hill), the daughter of Anthony Bullock and Hannah Wood.

John died on November 10, 1861.

(The Encylcopedia of Quaker Genealogy, volume II, Hinshaw, pages 827, 940).

1. Hannah: b October 19, 1832.

2. Margaret: October 19, 1832.

3. Mary Hutton: b December 31, 1834; d December 25, 1894; buried at Fair Hill.

4. Anna Maria: b June 10, 1837; m October 8, 1866, Harrison Campion, at the home of Edith Willits, in Philadelphi, Pennsylvania.

1. John Willetts Champion: b January 24, 1868; d August 20, 1887; buried at Fair Hill.

5. Emma: b August 31, 1840; d June 8, 1883; buried at Fair Hill.

N.1.2.1.6.3.5
WILLIAM WILLITS and ESTHER LIGHTFOOT
of Maiden Creek, Berks County, Pennsylvania

William Willits was born on April 6, 1789, at Maiden Creek, Berks County. He was reared on his father's farm.

> "He taught school for several years, and was a man of remarkable intelligence and breath of learning. One of his brothers, John, who was very prominent in educational circles, conducted a private school in Philadelpi for many years, and is the author of a text book on natural philosophy. William Willits owned the farm upon which he was born, and lived upon it until his death. He was a Whig, and held a number of local offices. He was a member of the Society of Friends" (Biographical Sketches of Leading Citizens of Berks County, Pennsylvania, 1898, page 293).

He married on April 8, 1818, Esther Lightfoot (b July 2, 1790; d May 5, 1871, age 80), the daughter of Thomas Lightfoot (b July 21, 1742; d December 24, 1821, at the age of 80) and Hannah Wright (b June 13, 1752; d March 6, 1832).
He died on October 2, 1852.
(H. B. Willits, pages 8-9).

1. Mary: b October 6, 1820; d March 27, 1843; unmarried. It is recorded that she made a sampler in 1829 when she was 9 years old.

2. Thomas: b February 13, 1822; m September 21, 1854, Susan P. Smith (b March 15, 1827; d January 24, 1897), of Parkesburg, Pennsylvania; he was a farmer at Maiden Creek; attended the Maiden Creek Friends Meeting and was a member of the Exeter Monthly Meeting. See next N.1.2.1.6.3.5.2.

3. Samuel: b February 14, 1824; d July 24, 1847; unmarried.

4. David: b November 12, 1827; m November 21, 1850, Charlotte D. Parvin (b July 15, 1833; d January 29, 1863); he was a farmer at Maiden Creek. See next N.1.2.1.6.3.5.4.

N.1.2.1.6.3.5.2
THOMAS WILLITS and SUSAN P. SMITH of Parkesburg, Pennsylvania

Thomas Willits was born on February 13, 1822. He married on September 21, 1854, Susan P. Smith (b March 15, 1827; d January 24, 1897), the daughter of James Smith of Parkesburg, Pennsylvania.

He was a farmer at Maiden Creek, Berks County, Pennsylvania. He attended the Maiden Creek Friends Meeting and was a member of the Exeter Monthly Meeting.

> "Thomas Willits was educated in the Friends' Pay School of Maiden Creek township, and Joshua Hoop's School. During his time he taught one term, and at the age of seventeen returned home and remained with his father on the farm until the latter's death. He then succeeded to the estate, and continued to reside there until 1890, when he moved on to the adjoining farm, which he had purchased and which had formerly been a part of the old homestead. His farm (1898) contains 310 acres as it now lies, including the land he has added to it. At the organization of the National Union Bank at Reading in 1858, he was one of the stockholders and prime movers, and has been a director for thirty years. He is a stockholder, and has been for many years director in the Farmers' Mutual Insurance Company" (Biographical Sketches of Leading Citizens of Berks County, Pennsylvania, 1898, page 293).

1. Mary: b October 16, 1855; a physician at the State Hospital for the Insane at Norristown, Pennsylvania; d December 16, 1902; unmarried.

2. Samuel: b July 25, 1858; m June 13, 1882, Mary Hayes Pomroy (b May 6, 1860; d at Narberth, Pennsylvania, in 1918, and buried at Charles Evans Cemetery in Reading, Pennsylvania), the daughter of Clifford and Ellen Potts Pomroy of Pottsville, Pennsylvania. Samuel and Mary resided at Reading. See next N.1.2.6.3.5.2.2.

N.1.2.1.6.3.5.2.2
SAMUEL WILLITS and MARY HAYES POMROY of Reading, Pennsylvania

Samuel Willits was born on July 25, 1858. He married on June 13, 1882, Mary Hayes Pomroy (b May 6, 1860; d at Narberth, Pennsylvania, in 1918, and buried at Charles Evans Cemetery in Reading, Pennsylvania), the daughter of Clifford and Ellen Potts Pomroy of Pottsville, Pennsylvania. Samuel and Mary resided at Reading.

> "Samuel Willits was Captain of Company A, 4th Regiment, National Guard of Pennsylvania, in the Spanish American War and took part in the Porto Rican campaign. Later as 1st Lieutenant of Company C, 28th Regiment, United States Volunteers, he went to the Philippine Islands and was stationed at Taal, Batangas. Still later as Governor of the sub-Province of Dapitan and 1st Lieutenant in command of the 49th Company of Philippine Scouts, he took part in the Moro Campaign and died February 10, 1905, in the Division Hospital at Manila, Philippine Islands, and is buried at Arlington Cemetery" (H. P. Willits, pages 9-10).

His widow, Mary (Pomroy) Willits, married for the 2d time, George T. Kellner of 3623 Spring Garden Street, Philadelphi, Pennsylvania. There were no children of the 2d marriage.

1. Herbert Pomroy: b April 9, 1883, at Reading, Pennsylvania; m at Camp Stotsenberg, Philippine Islands, on September 23, 1911, Virdia Lyllian Davis, who was from West Chester, Pennsylvania (b April 7, 1884), the daughter of William Palmer Davis and Sarah Smith; residence: 932 East 15th Street, Chester, Pennsylvania. (H. P. Willits, pages 11-12).

    1. Elinor Palmer: b March 14, 1914.

    2. Herbert Pomroy, Jr: b June 24, 1915.

    3. Richard Samuel: b February 8, 1917.

    4. David Brewster: b January 11, 1919.

    5. Barbara Davis: b February 29, 1920.

    6. Jeanne Randall: b March 3, 1922.

2. Florence: b January 17, 1886, at Reading, Pennsylvania; m at Jolo, Philippine Islands on February 1, 1905, Colonel Alden Farley Brewster, United States Army; residence: Washington, D. C.

    1. William Alden Brewster: b September 26, 1906; attended Annapolis Naval Academy.

    2. John Potts Brewster: b May 30, 1908.

N.1.2.1.6.3.5.4
DAVID WILLITS and CHARLOTTE D. PARVIN of Berks County, Pennsylvania

David Willits was born on November 12, 1827. He married on November 21, 1850, Charlotte D. Parvin (b July 15, 1833; d January 29, 1863). He was a farmer at Maiden Creek.

1. William: b October 4, 1852; m December 18, 1875, Amanda Yoder; resided at Calcium, Pennsylvania. See next N.1.2.1.6.3.5.4.1.

2. Francis Parvin: b November 3, 1856; m February 18, 1885, Elizabeth Anna Paschal (b February 19, 1858); resided at Concordville, Pennsylvania; d July 12, 1945. See next N.1.2.1.6.3.5.4.2.

3. Ellen: b February 17, 1859; resided at Concordville, Pennsylvania; unmarried.

4. Sallie Lightfoot: b December 4, 1861; died in infancy in 1862.

N.1.2.1.6.3.5.4.1
WILLIAM WILLITS and AMANDA YODER of Calcium, Pennsylvania

William Willits was born on October 4, 1852. He married on December 18, 1875, Amanda Yoder; resided at Calcium, Pennsylvania.

1. Howard: b June 23, 1876; died in infancy December 28, 1879.

2. Sallie: b September 14, 1877; died in infancy October 4, 1877.

3. Allen: b October 26, 1878; m May 28, 1898, Clara A. Maderia (b February 1, 1882); resided Reading, Pennsylvania.

    1. Verna M: b October 6, 1898.

    2. William M: b May 7, 1903.

    3. David R: b June 20, 1910.

4. Charlotte: b July 3, 1886; m February 1, 1908, Eugene W. Shollenberger (b September 10, 1886); resided at Maiden Creek, Berks County, Pennsylvania.

    1. John Willits Shollenberger: b February 28, 1911.

    2. Francis Willits Shollenberger: b April 3, 1925.

N.1.2.1.6.3.5.4.2

FRANCIS PARVIN WILLITS and ELIZABETH ANNA PASCHAL of Concordia, Pennsylvania

Francis Parvin Willits was born on November 3, 1856. He married on February 18, 1885, Elizabeth Anna Paschal (b February 19, 1858); resided at Concordville, Pennsylvania; d July 12, 1945.

1. Paul Lincoln: b March 23, 1887; m April 21, 1909, Anna Bennett Miller (b December 18, 1887); resided at Concordville, Pennsylvania.

    1. Francis Parvin: b April 28, 1910.

    2. Jennie Bennett: b May 14, 1912.

    3. William Lincoln: b September 20, 1915.

    4. Elizabeth Anna: b April 29, 1919.

2. Joseph Henry: b June 16, 1889; m May 3, 1913, Ruth Clement Sharp (b March 19, 1889).

    1. Barbara Kinsey: b August 16, 1916.

    2. Clement Paschal: b August 15, 1920.

    3. Robin Dana: b May 25, 1923.

N.1.2.1.6.3.11

JESSE WILLITS and MARGARET LIGHTFOOT of Berks County, Pennsylvania

Jesse Willits was born on January 17, 1802. He married on June 23, 1828, Margaret Lightfoot (b at Maiden Creek February 24, 1803; d at Muncy March 8, 1877), the daughter of Samuel and Rachel (Yarnell) Lightfoot.

Jesse Willits died on July 25, 1867.

1. Sarah: b June 2, 1829; d October 16, 1874.

2. Samuel L: b May 10, 1830; d December 21, 1897.

3. Susan: b June 9, 1832; d December 22, 1836.

4. Rachel L: b August 20, 1834; d March 31, 1897.

5. Phebe: b March 20, 1837; d March 20, 1892.

6. William: b October 31, 1839; d January 25, 1863.

7. Elizabeth: b July 15, 1841; d March 13, 1906.

8. Mary: b August 19, 1845.

N.1.2.4

RICHARD WILLETS of Alloways Creek Township, Salem County, New Jersey

Richard Willets was born on December 14, 1683, at Long Island, New York, into a Quaker family.

> "He went from Long Island to Little Egg Harbor, New Jersey, and later moved to Alloways Creek Township in Salem County, New Jeresy, where he died in 1759."

He married 1st on September 15, 1704, at the Springfield Monthly Meeting, Burlington County, New Jersey, Elizabeth Ridway (b December 17, 1682; d July 28, 1732), a daughter of Richard and Elizabeth (Chamberlin) Ridgway, and sister to Richard Ridgway, Jr., who married her sister-in-law, Mary Willets. Immediately after their marriage they lived at Cedar Run, Ocean County, New Jersey.

Elizabeth Ridgway died on July 28, 1732. It must have seemed to have been an uncommonly short widowhood for a Quaker when Richard Willets announced his intention to remarry.

Richard Willets married 2d on September 28, 1732, at the Chesterfield, Burlington County, New Jersey Meeting, Sarah Overton (b December 17, 1682; d 1764 in Salem County, New Jersey), a daughter of Samuel and Hannah Overton of Burlington County, New Jersey. The Bridegroom's sister, Mary Willits, was among those present at the wedding.

> "Richard Willets owned land in Stafford Township, Monmouth County, New Jersey, whihc he sold to his son Micajah on March 18, 1742" (Book P of Deeds, page 221, Monmouth County, New Jersey; Hook, page 97).

Richard Willets died at Alloways Creek Township in 1759, at age 76. (Bookstaver, pages 108-109; Bunker, pages 87-88; Hook, page 97; Wardwell, page 117).

> Will of Richard Willets, dated December 31, 1757, proved March 2, 1759: mentions wife, Sarah, and children: Richard, Micajah, Amos, Elizabeth Stillwell, Deliverance Birdsall, and Mary Bunting;
>
> Also, brother, John of Cape May, and grandsons, Amos Bunting, and Richard Stillwell.

> Will of Sarah Willets, dated June 12, 1764, of Alloways Creek Township, Salem County, widow; being the widow of Richard Willets.
>
> To: Grandson, Amos Bunten (Bunting), all my real and personal estate.
>
> Executor: said grandson and my brother, John Willets.
>
> Witnesses: John Hillman, Thomas Sayre, Reubin Sayre.
>
> Proved, April 11, 1767.
>
> (New Jersey Colonial Documents, Calendar of Wills, 1761-1770, page 479).

Inventory: of estate of Sarah Willets, April 9, 1767: £ 195.5.6; by John Hillman, and Thomas Sayre.

1. Mary (Mercy): b April 27, 1705, at Chesterfield, New Jersey.

2. Richard, Jr: b October 29, 1707, at Cedar Run, Ocean County, New Jersey; m 1st 1732 Sarah Barton; m 2d November 6, 1734 at Burlington, New Jersey, Patience Butcher; d after 1758. See next N.1.2.4.2.

3. Elizabeth: b October 28, 1709, at Chesterfield, New Jersey; m abt 1730 Stillwell; d after 1758.

1. Richard Stillwell: b abt 1735.

4. Amos: b November 27, 1711, at Chesterfield, New Jersey; m August 17, 1743, Mrs. Abigail Emley Borden Cook (her 3d husband); d after 1769; resided in Monmouth County, New Jersey.

5. Mary: b November 29, 1713, at Chesterfield, New Jersey; m May 11, 1739, at Monmouth County, New Jersey, Samuel Bunting, Jr., of Burlington County, New Jersey; d 1742.

1. Amos Bunting: b abt 1740; inherited the estate of his grandmother, Sarah (Overton) Willits.

6. Deliverance: b July 16, 1715, at Chesterfield, New Jersey; m 1738 Stephen Birdsall, Jr., of Little Egg Harbor Township, Burlington County, New Jersey; resided in Stafford Township, Monmouth County, New Jersey; d after 1763.

7. Micajah: b 1718, at Chesterfield, New Jersey; m December 12, 1740, Hannah Parker (d September 20, 1777), the daughter of John Parker, Sr., of Parkertown; resided at Stafford Township, Monmouth County, New Jersey; d after August 23, 1791, in Monmouth County, New Jersey. See next N.1.2.4.7.

8.Cornelius: b November 29, 1720, at Chesterfield, New Jersey; no further record.

9. Sarah: b November 15, 1724, at Chesterfield, New Jersey; no further record.

N.1.2.4.2
RICHARD WILLETS, Jr., of Newton Township, Gloucester County, New Jersey

Richard Willets, Jr: b October 29, 1707, at Cedar Run, Ocean County, New Jersey. He married 1st in 1732 Sarah Barton of Chesterfield, New Jersey. She must have died soon after their marriage.

Richard married 2d on November 6, 1734 at Burlington, New Jersey, Patience Butcher. In 1751, he moved to Salem, Salem County, New Jersey, and then to Newton Township, Gloucester County. His will is dated November 29, 1759.

(Bookstaver, page 109; Bunker, page 88; Hook, page 97).

Will of Richard Willets, Jr., dated November 29, 1759:

To: wife, Patience, £ 50; mentions sons and daughters being yet young, but does not name them.

Executors: Isaac, Andrew, and Joseph Butcher.

Proved: March 6, 1761. (New Jersey Colonial Documents, Calendar of Wills, 1761-1770, pages 478-479).

Inventory of estate of Richard Willets, dated December 9, 1760; £ 387.4.11 made by John Shives and John Gill.

1. Richard: b abt 1733.

2. Deliverance: b abt 1736.

3. Micajah: b abt 1738; m June 6, 1761, Mrs. Elizabeth (Parker) Wilkins, widow; d 1804. See next N.1.2.4.2.3.

N.1.2.4.2.3
MICAJAH WILLETS and Mrs. ELIZABETH PARKER WILKINS
of Northampton Township, Burlington County, New Jersey

Micajah Willets was born about 1738. He married on June 6, 1761, Mrs. Elizabeth (Parker) Wilkins, the widow of William Wilkins of Eversham, Burlington County, New Jersey.

They resided near Indian Mill, Northampton Township, Burlington County, New Jersey. Micajah wrote his will on April 11, 1794. It was probated on March 4, 1804.

(Bookstaver, pages 109-110; Bunker, page 88).

"April 11, 1794, will of Micajah Willets of Northampton Township, Burlington County. To: wife, Elizabeth, the use of my whole estate, while my widow.

To: son, John, 70 acres of land beginning at pine corner, corner to John Moore's land and to run southwardly ½ ways across my land.

To: sons, Richard, Samuel, and Benjamin, remainder of my lands to be divided between them.

To: daughters, Hephsibah Willets and Beulah Willets, each £ 3.

Executors to give Ann Horner 12 months schooling and customary freedom at 18.

Executors: son, Richard Willets and brother-in-law, Caelb Borton.

Witnesses: Thomas Read, Samuel Shinn, Samuel J. Read.

Proved March 4, 1805. (New Jersey Colonial Documents, Calendar of Wills, 1801-1805, page 502).

1. Richard: b 1763; m abt 1778 Hannah Howard; resided at Tabernacle, New Jersey; d 1847.

2. John: b 1765; had a large family; lived at Tabernacle, New Jersey.

3. Samuel: b 1767.

4. Mary: b 1769; m abt 1790 John Corrary.

5. Hephizabah: b 1771; m September 24, 1799, Joshua Cline of Burlington County, New Jersey.

6. Beulah: b July 24, 1774.

7. Benjamin Hew: b February 20, 1777; m April 10 (or 13), 1798, Rebecca Howard (b March 25, 1777; d April 30, 1857) at Burlington County, New Jersey; d October 25, 1850. See next N.1.2.4.2.3.7.

N.1.2.4.2.3.7

BENJAMIN HEW WILLETS and REBECCA HOWARD of Burlington County, New Jersey

Benjamin Hew Willets was born on February 20, 1777. He married on April 13, 1798, Rebecca Howard (b March 25, 1777; d April 30, 1857) at Burlington County, New Jersey. He died on October 25, 1850. (Bookstaver, page 117).

1. Samuel S: b February 17, 1799; m abt 1825 Merabeth (Matilda); d 1856.

2. Josiah: b 1801.

3. Elizabeth: b August 26, 1803.

4. Amos: b 1805; of Pemberton, Burlington County, New Jersey; m abt 1830 Ann.

5. Micajah M: b October 2, 1806/07; m January 16, 1830, Mary Shamela; d 1875. See next N.1.2.4.2.3.7.5.

6. George: b January 14, 1810.

7. Benjamin: b December 1, 1812; m December 15, 1857, Mary L. Huston (b February 27, 1831; d November 16, 1916); d November 6, 1878. See next N.1.2.4.2.3.7.7.

8. Beulah Ann: b 1814; m April 3, 1841, in Burlington County, New Jersey, Joshua Jones of Southampton County, New Jersey; lived in Marlton, Burlington County, New Jeresy.

9. Rebecca: b December 14, 1816; m January 26, 1860, at Burlington County, New Jersey, John Alloways; resided in Marlton, Burlington County; d November 6, 1878.

10. Joseph: b December 7, 1818; resided in Southampton, New Jersey; m abt 1840 Edith Jones.

11. Lydia (Lidie): b May 20, 1820; m August 6, 1842, Silas C. Mason (b June 21, 1820; d June 22, 1882); resided in Trenton; d 1901.

12. John W: b December 13, 1825; resided in Southampton, and Tabernacle, Burlington County, New Jersey; m 1846 Rachel Houston.

N.1.2.4.2.3.7.5
MICAJAH M. WILLITS and MARY SHAMELA of New Jersey

Micajah M. Willits on October 2, 1806/07. He married on January 16, 1830, Mary Shamela. Micajah Willits died in 1875.

1. William Franklin: b 1832; m abt 1865 Lydia A. (b 1846; d 1881); d 1907.

2. Joel R: b 1839; m at Medford Township, Burlington County, New Jersey, on August 1, 1866, Lydia Cotton.

3. (daughter): b 1835-1840.

N.1.2.4.2.3.7.7
BENJAMIN WILLITS and MARY L. HUSTON

Benjamin Willits was born on December 1, 1812. He married on December 15, 1857, Mary L. Huston (b February 27, 1831; d November 16, 1916). He died on November 6, 1878.

1. Edward D: b October 13, 1858; m June 5, 1880, Martha Stokes Prickitt (b June 15, 1859; d November 30, 1944); d June 12, 1927. See next N.1.2.4.2.3.7.7.1.

N.1.2.4.2.3.7.7.1
EDWARD D. WILLITS and MARTHA STOKES PRICKITT

Edward D. Willits was born on October 13, 1858. He married on June 5, 1880, Martha Stokes Prickitt (b June 15, 1859; d November 30, 1944). He died on June 12, 1927.

1. Josiah M: b April 1, 1881; m January 21, 1903, Julia Anne Kirby (b April 8, 1884; d July 13, 1904); d May 3, 1964. See next N.1.2.4.2.3.7.7.1.1.

N.1.2.4.2.3.7.7.1.1
JOSIAH M. WILLITS and JULIA ANNE KIRBY

Josiah M. Willits was born on April 1, 1881. He married on January 21, 1903, Julia Anne Kirby (b April 8, 1884; d July 13, 1904). He died on May 3, 1964.

1. Kirby Truman: b January 18, 1904; m April 13, 1928, Gail Lasell Remington (b May 15, 1904). See next N.1.2.4.2.3.7.7.1.1.1.

N.1.2.4.2.3.7.7.1.1.1
KIRBY TRUMAN WILLITS and GAIL LASELL REMINGTON

Kirby Truman Willits was born on January 18, 1904. He married on April 13, 1928, Gail Lasell Remington (b May 15, 1904).

1. Bruce Kirby: b May 22, 1930; m Gretchen Robb (b January 16, 1934; d June 26, 1956). See next N.1.2.4.2.3.7.7.1.1.1.1.

2. Joan Gail: b December 20, 1931; m October 3, 1959, Peter Glatte (b June 2, 1937).

3. Lee Remington: b December 28, 1936; m Beverley Wagner (b April 20, 1943; d April 6, 1963). See next N.1.2.4.2.3.7.7.1.1.1.2.

N.1.2.4.2.3.7.7.1.1.1.2
BRUCE KIRBY WILLITS and GRETCHEN ROBB

Bruce Kirby Willits was born on May 22, 1930. He married Gretchen Robb (b January 16, 1934; d June 26, 1956).

1. Kevin: b October 28, 1957.

2. Kimberly: b March 13, 1959.

3. Rebecca: b February 1, 1962.

4. Bradford: b May 2, 1965.

N.1.2.4.2.3.7.7.1.1.1.3
LEE REMINGTON WILLITS and BEVERLEY WAGNER

Lee Remington Willits was born on December 28, 1936. He married Beverley Wagner (b April 20, 1943; d April 6, 1963).

1. Christian: b October 25, 1965.

2. Julia: b February 21, 1967.

3. Matthew: b January 26, 1970.

N.1.2.4.7
MICAJAH WILLITS and HANNAH PARKER of Monmouth County, New Jersey

Micajah Willits was born in 1718, at Chesterfield, New Jersey. He married on December 12, 1740, Hannah Parker (d September 20, 1777), the daughter of John Parker, Sr., of Parkertown; resided at Stafford Township, Monmouth County, New Jersey. He died after August 23, 1791, in Monmouth County, New Jersey.
(Bookstaver, pages 110-111; Hook, page 98).

1. Elizabeth: b March 22, 1742.

2. Mary: b February 9, 1743/44.

3. Richard: b June 13, 1746; m abt 1770 Elizabeth (b July 21, 1753).

    1. Micajah: b June 27, 1775.

    2. Elizabeth: b January 23, 1778.

4. Sarah: b June 3, 1748.

5. Deliverance: b March 16, 1751; m abt 1775 Samuel Cranmer.

6. Micajah, Jr: b October 14, 1753, at Little Egg Harbor; m 1777 Judith Cramer. "They were living in Stafford Township, Monmouth County, New Jersey, on May 13, 1805, when they deeded land in that township to General Augustine Willett of Bucks County, Pennsylvania" (Hook, page 98).

    1. Richard: b July 9, 1778.

7. Hannah: b January 22, 1756.

8. Marcy (Mercy): b October 8, 1760; m abt 1785 Jesse Andrews.

N.1.2.6
TIMOTHY WILLITS and JUDITH of Monmouth County, New Jersey

Timothy Willits was born on December 8, 1687, on Long Island, New York. He was raised as a Quaker. He married about 1714 Judith. Timothy settled in Monmouth County, New Jersey, not later than August 2, 1715, when John Reid granted him 100 acres (Hook, page 101). Timothy Willits, and wife Judith, sold the 100 acre farm to Adam Wooley for £ 100, 8 pence, current money on June 3, 1727.

Timothy Willits died after 1737.

(Hook, pages 100-105).

1. Elizabeth: b 1723 in Monmouth County, New Jersey; m February 4, 1744, Samuel Tilton.

2. Lydia: b January 16, 1726; m May 16, 1746, Anthony Smith (b July 26, 1723; d 1809/10); resided in Monmouth County, New Jersey; d after June 3, 1798.

3. Abigail: b 1731; m by license December 13, 1752, Nathan Birdsall (d 1755/56).

4. Hannah: b 1734.

5. Timothy: b 1737; m by license September 28, 1762, Mary Birdsall. See next N.1.2.6.5.

N.1.2.6.5
TIMOTHY WILLETS and MARY BIRDSALL of Squan, Ocean County, New Jersey

Timothy Willets was born in 1737. He was raised in a Quaker family. He married by a Monmouth County, New Jersey, license on September 28, 1762, Mary Birdsall, the daughter of Stephen and Deliverance Birdsall of Barnegat.

During his time, Timothy Willits, was one of the most prominent men of West Creek, Ocean County, New Jersey.

> He once "lived at Cedar Run near Mannakin, but at the time of his death, he is said to have lived at Squan, Ocean County, New Jersey. He was killed during the Revolutionary War. I once heard my aunt, the only daughter-in-law of Thomas Willits relate the manner and circumstances of his death. She said that he was in the barn engaged in breaking flax when a number of Continental soldiers were in pursuit of 3 or 4 refugees (those pests of the War of Independence). The soldiers saw the refugees enter the barn where Timothy was at work and when the Continentals entered the barn in search of the refugees, they were not found. They questioned Timothy Willits about the men whom they knew he must have seen, and being a very obstinate and contrary man, would not answer them in any manner whatever. They importuned him for an answer until their patience was exhausted, and his sullen silence caused the soldiers to suspect he himself was one of the refugees, and under that supposition they shot him as he sat at his work; and thus he lost his life, a victim of his obstinacy."

After his death, his widow, Mary, married her cousin, Nathan Bartlett, Sr., and had children by him.
(Hook, pages 104-105).

1. Abigail: b abt 1764; m 1st abt 1790 Joseph Bartlett II, no issue; m 2d Thomas Parker; m 3d Joseph Cox.

    1. Willits Parker:

    2. John Parker, Jr:

2. Deliverance: b abt 1767; m abt 1790 Edmund Bartlett, Sr.

3. Judith (twin): b abt 1770; m abt 1793 Eli Mathis.

    1. Charles Mathis:

    2. Clayton Mathis:

    3. Samuel Mathis:

    4. Hannah Mathis:

    5. Esther Mathis:

    6. Jesse Mathis:

    7. Mary Mathis:

    8. Ann Mathis:

    9. David W. Mathis:

4. Rachel (twin): b abt 1770; m abt 1795 Peter Parker.

    1. Thomas Parker:

    2. Nathan Parker:

    3. James Parker:

    4. Stephen Parker:

    5. Timothy Parker:

    6. Charles Parker:

    7. Phoebe Parker:

    8. Elizabeth Parker:

5. Stephen: b May 29, 1772, in Monmouth County, New Jersey; m August 12, 1795, Lydia Seaman; d January 11, 1845, age 72 years, 7 months, and 12 days, in Ocean County, New Jersey. See next N.1.2.6.5.5.

N.1.2.6.5.5
STEPHEN WILLITS and LYDIA SEAMAN of Burlington County, New Jersey

Stephen Willits was born on May 29, 1772, in Monmouth County, New Jersey. He married on August 12, 1795, Lydia Seaman (b January 23, 1774; d November 14, 1859, age 85 years, 9 months, and 21 days), the daughter of Benjamin and Amelia (Pavia) Seaman. She was noted for her unusual retentive memory, and for her intelligence, beyond her time and education. She was likewise unusually industrious, managing and ingenious. She lived about 86 years, and retained her great memory, and other faculties beyond most people of her age.

Stephen Willits died on January 11, 1845, age 72 years, 7 months, and 12 days, in Ocean County, New Jersey, and is buried at West Creek, Ocean County, New Jersey.

(Hook, pages 105-107).

1. John: b April 22, 1797, in Burlington County, just over the division line between East and West Jersey; m March 11, 1819, Hannah Thompson; d January 2, 1886. See next N.1.2.6.5.5.1.

2. Timothy: b 1801; acquired a good education; m Keziah B. Cramer (b 1801; d October 18, 1877, age 77), the daughter of James and Elizabeth (Hazelton) Cramer; m 2d Margaret. See next N.1.2.6.5.5.2.

3. Amelia: b 1814; was one of the beauties of her native place; m abt 1835 David Jones; d August 4, 1860.

1. Timothy Jones: b abt 1837.

2. Mary Jones: b abt 1840.

3. Elizabeth Jones: b abt 1842.

4. William Jones: b abt 1845.

5. Serena Jones: b abt 1847.

6. Lydia Jones: b abt 1850.

4. Stephen: b abt 1815; m January 15, 1835, Mary Oliphant (d November 24, 1849, age 38), the daughter of Eayre Oliphant, Sr. See next N.1.2.6.5.5.4.

5. Benjamin: b abt 1816; m abt 1840 Harriet Crane, the daughter of John Crane of Mannakin; he was a man of good education, and living in a place that was inaccessible to school, he took into his own hands the education of his children. He was a competent teacher,as is proved by the learning of his children, some of whom have far outstripped in knowledge most who attended the district schools for nine months in the year.

1. John: b abt 1842.

6. Lydia S: b February 23, 1817; d November 23, 1890, age 73 years, 9 months.

7. Mary E: b abt 1818; m as his 2d wife Nathan Atkinson.

N.1.2.6.5.5.1
JOHN WILLITS and HANNAH THOMPSON of Monmouth County, New Jersey

John Willits was born on April 22, 1797, at West Creek, Burlington County, New Jersey, just over the division line between East and West Jersey.

In John Willits youthful days along the New Jersey shore there was but meagre facilities for obtaining a school education, but John, having a thirst for knowledge and a capacity for acquiring it, obtained a fair education which has been of great use to him throughout his long life, for without learning he could not have occupied the exalted position he has.

He was a soldier in the War of 1812, being one of the company of "Tuckerton Volunteer and Home Guards."

He married 1st on March 11, 1819, Hannah Thompson (b 1799; d 1880, age 81), of Quaker Bridge, the daughter of Arthur and Elizabeth Thompson. According to Salter's History of Ocean and Monmouth County, they had 10 children: 4 sons and 6 daughters.

John Willits married 2d Margaret.

He was an enterprising man and has followed most kinds of business common to his native place, by which enterprises he has amassed a clever fortune, which in his old age had enabled him to take his ease.

> "He is a long standing member of the Methodist Church, in which church he is a local preacher, and has held most of the offices pertaining to the church. He was for years Justice of the Peace, and for 5 years a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Monmouth County."
>
> "His will, and the valuable household goods and silver pieces which it mentioned show that he was a man of culture and above average wealth" (Hook, page 106).

John Willits died on January 2, 1886. His will was dated October 29, 1885, and was probated on January 13, 1886.

(Hook, pages 105-106).

1. Arthur T: b January 13, 1820; m 1st abt 1840 Martha (b September 1, 1824; d March 14, 1861); m 2d abt 1865 Ann (b March 22, 1839; d February 3, 1920).

2. Mary Ann: b abt 1821; m Reverend James White.

3. Lucy Ann: b abt 1822; m Enoch Cordeary.

4. Sarah A: b abt 1823; m William Waters.

5. Elizabeth: b abt 1824.

6. Micajah: b abt 1825.

7. Lydia: b abt 1827; m Ellsworth.

8. Rebecca West: b September 16, 1829; d October 25, 1839.

9. Josephine: b abt 1832; died young.

N.1.2.6.5.5.2

TIMOTHY WILLITS and KESIAH B. CRAMER of Burlington County, New Jersey

Timothy Willits was born in 1801. He acquired a good education. He married about 1822 Kesiah B. Cramer (b 1801; d October 18, 1877, age 77), the daughter of James and Elizabeth Cramer. He died on december 19, 1875, age 75.

1. James C: b March 25, 1823; m abt 1845 Catherine E. (b September 23, 1929; d May 23, 1898); d March 20, 1895.

2. Amelia: b abt 1825.

3. Ann: b abt 1827.

4. Elizabeth: b abt 1828.

5. Lydia: b abt 1830.

6. Adeline: b abt 1832.

7. Ann: b abt 1833.

8. Sarah Louise: b abt 1835; m Captain Samuel Mathis Berry.

    1. John Willits Berry:

    2. Leon Berry:

N.2.6.5.5.4

STEPHEN WILLETS and MARY OLIPHANT of Tuckerton, New Jersey

Stephen Willits was born in 1815. He was well educated, and for many years was one of the most prominent men of Tuckerton, holding many important offices, having a very extensive circle of acquaintances, and in his younger days was considered the handsomest man of his place of residence.

On January 15, 1835, Stephen married Mary Oliphant (d November 24, 1849, age 38), the daughter of Eayre Oliphant, Sr. (Hook, page 107).

1. Anna: b abt 1836.

2. Augusta: b abt 1838.

3. Hope: b abt 1840.

4. Stephen Eayre: b abt 1842.

5. Marion: b abt 1843.

6. Shinn: b abt 1845.

N.1.2.9
JAMES WILLETS and PHEBE of Little Egg Harbor, New Jersey

James Willets was born in 1694, on Long Island, New York. In 1715, he married out of Quaker Meeting Phebe of Little Egg Harbor, New Jersey. They must have repented their error to the Meeting and been reinstated, since their children and grandchildren all followed the Quaker religion.

When a young man, he settled at Little Egg Harbor, New Jersey, with his brothers, Joseph and Richard. He lived on his father's homestead farm.

The Egg Harbor Willits were light complexioned with light blue eyes and were denominated "blue-eyed" Willits. The color of the eyes has gone from generation to generation to the present time. (Bookstaver, page 109; Hook, pages 107-109; Willits, page 8).

James Willits (I) died at Little Egg Harbor, New Jersey in October, 1743.
(Bookstaver, page 109; Hook, pages 107-109; Willits, page 10).

1. James (II): b June 20, 1716, at Little Egg Harbor; m at Burlington County, New Jersey, January 2, 1741, Ann Ridgway (b Fenruary 5, 1725), the daughter of Thomas and Mary (Ong) Ridgway of Little Egg Harbor; d May 1, 1792. See next N.1.2.9.1.

2. Martha: b 1732; m abt 1755 Joseph Burroughs of Moorestown, New Jersey; d November 7, 1808.

N.1.2.9.1
JAMES WILLITS and ANN RIDGWAY of Little Egg Harbor, New Jersey

James Willits (II) was born on June 20, 1716, at Little Egg Harbor. He married at Burlington County, New Jersey, on January 2, 1741, Ann Ridgway (b Fenruary 5, 1725; January 24, 1815, at Little Egg Harbor), the daughter of Thomas and Mary (Ong) Ridgway of Little Egg Harbor. "They, having passed Meeting and gained consent, 1st month, 12th day, of that year (1741)" were married at a Quaker Meeting. At his time, the 1st month would have been March. It was not until a decade later that the 1st month would refer to January.

Ann (Ridgway) Willits was a prominent minister of the Society of Friends and used to perform religious visits in company with her aunt, Ann Gaunt, Egg Harbor's most distinguished female minister.

James Willits (II) died on May 1, 1792.
(Bookstaver, page 111; Hook, pages 108-109; Willits, page 8).

1. Archelaus: b October 21, 1741; died young.

2. James: b September 3, 1743; died young, probably about 1760.

3. Eliakim: b November 3, 1745; m abt 1770 Phebe Ridgway. See next N.1.2.9.1.3.

4. Henry: b April 27, 1748; m at Burlington County, New Jersey, in 1770, Phebe Osborn. See next N.1.2.9.1.4.

5. Anne: b March 4, 1751, at Little Egg Harbor in Burlington County; m 1772 Joseph Sharp; d October 5, 1773.

6. Thomas: b March 1, 1754; m 1778 Rebecca Moody, the daughter of John Moody; d November 14, 1837; resided at Little Egg Harbor. See next N.1.2.9.1.6.

7. Phebe: b October 7, 1755; m abt 1778 Jacob Hubbs; d June 22, 1832.

8. Jeremiah: b May 26, 1759; m 1783 Mary Bartlett; d October 16, 1839. See next N.1.2.9.1.8.

9. James (III): b June 8, 1763; m 1st on September 21, 1784, Phebe Bartlett (d November 11, 1811); m 2d at Little Egg Harbor in Burlington County, New Jersey, in 1813, Margarey Bellangee. See next N.1.2.9.1.9.

10. John: b October 19, 1769; m abt 1790 Mary Bartlett (d November 11, 1811). See next N.1.2.9.1.10.

N.1.2.9.1.3
ELIAKIM WILLITS and PHEBE RIDGWAY
of New Hanover Township, Burlington County, New Jersey

Eliakim Willits was born on November 3, 1745, at Little Egg Harbor. He married about 1770 Phebe Ridgway, the daughter of Jacob Ridgway of Springfield, New Jersey.

Eliakim removed from Little Egg Harbor and Settled in New Hanover Township, Burlington County, New Jersey. His will is dated August 3, 1812, and was proved on March 12, 1813.

"Will of Eliakim Willets dated August 3, 1812, of New Hanover Township, Burlington County:

To: wife Phebe, $1,000.00; bed and bedding, in lieu of dower.

To: daughter Mary Willets, bed and bedding, 6 silver teaspoons, bureau and pair of candlesticks.

To: each of other daughters, Sarah, Ann, and Phebe Willets a bed and bedding.

Residue of estate to be sold, debts paid. Of remainder, 2/7 to son David; 1/7 to daughter Elizabeth Emley, and her heirs, if any, but if she dies without issue, sum to revert to my estate, and to each of other daughters, Mary, Sarah, Ann, and Phebe, 1/7 part, as they become of age.

Executor: brother, Jeremiah Willets, friend, Thomas Butcher.

Witnesses: Abrahm Tilton, Sarah Wright, Jr., and Ann Wright."

"Inventory, $1,228.12, March 11, 1813: made by Abraham Tilton, Jno. Warren. Includes shed at Arneytown Meeting House."

(New Jersey Colonial Documents, Calendar of Wills, 1810-1813, page 423).

(Bookstaver, page 112; Hook, page 108; Willits, page 10).

1. Jacob: b October 1, 1776; d September 4, 1778.

2. Samuel: b May 31, 1778; m May 3, 1782.

3. David: b 1783; m abt 1805 Elsie. (Bookstaver, page 114; Willits, page 10).

    1. William: b abt 1807.

    2. Mary: b abt 1810; m Quigley; went out west to live.

4. Elizabeth: b May 13, 1785; m at Burlington County, New Jersey, December 8, 1810, William T. Emley.

5. Mary: b August 31, 1787; m abt 1810 John Chapman of Washington.

6. Sarah: b December 4, 1790; m abt 1810 Fred Marshall of Philadelphi.

7. Ann: b March 14, 1792; m abt 1815 Enoch Robinson.

8. Phoebe: b September 10, 1797; unmarried.

9. Rebecca: b February 17, 1799; died young.

N.1.2.9.1.4
HENRY WILLETS and PHEBE OSBORN
of Little Egg Harbor, Burlington County, New Jersey

Henry Willets was born on April 27, 1748, at Little Egg Harbor. He married at Little Egg Harbor, Burlington County, New Jersey, in 1770, Phebe Osborn, the daughter of Richard Osborn, Jr. He died at Little Egg Harbor in 1837.
(Bookstaver, page 112; Hook, page 108; Willits, page 11).

1. Samuel: b April 5, 1772; m at Little Egg Harbor, Burlington County, New Jersey, in 1793, Elizabeth Gray; removed to Genesee County, New York. See next N.1.2.9.1.4.1.

2. Thomas: b October 19, 1774; m 1st abt 1795 Pancoast; m 2d Mary Willits (b October 4, 1789), the daughter of James and Phebe (Bartlett) Willits of Little Egg Harbor. See next N.1.2.9.1.4.2.

3. Anna: b December 1, 1776; m abt 1798 Robert Barnes of New York.

4. Phoebe: b April 5, 1779.

5. Martha: b abt 1782; m abt 1805 John R. Willis of New York.

N.1.2.9.1.4.1

SAMUEL WILLETS and ELIZABETH GRAY of Cayuga County, New York

Samuel Willets was born in 1772, at Burlington County, New York. He was raised in a Quaker family. He married at Burlington County, New Jersey, at 1793 Elizabeth Gray, the daughter of Samuel Gray of Mannahawkin.

About 1840, they removed to Cayuga County, New York.

(Bookstaver, pages 114-115; Willits, page 11).

1. Richard Osborn: b February 24, 1795; m abt 1820 Margaret Robinson; d September 27, 1823. See next N.1.2.9.1.4.1.1.

2. William W: b May 31, 1796, in Burlington County, New Jersey; m January 21, 1819, Maria Purdy. See next N.1.2.9.1.4.1.2.

3. Beulah: b 1797; m abt 1820 Cornelius Howland.

4. Henry: b January 14, 1799; resided in Scipio, Cayuga County, New York; m January 30, 1823, Lucy Mosher.

5. Bathsheba: b 1800; m 1823 Gideon Herenden.

6. Deacon G: b September 28, 1803; m abt 1825 Lucia Miles. See next N.1.2.9.1.4.1.6.

7. Walter: b June 25, 1805, in Burlington County, New Jersey; m abt 1827 Charlotte A. Bottsford. See next N.1.2.9.1.4.1.7.

8. Amos Ridgway: b June 20, 1806; m 1st January 25, 1832, Nancy Mosher; m 2d September 26, 1835, Sarah Gifford; m 3d Alice Slocum, no issue; m 4th 1867 Abby Anthony, no issue. See next N.1.2.9.1.4.1.8.

9. John: b 1807; m April 2, 1827, Mary J. Lapham; d October 25, 1871. See next N.1.2.9.1.4.1.9.

10. Samuel: b March 6, 1810; m November 25, 1835, Pamela Stout; d September 23, 1853. See next N.1.2.9.1.4.1.10.

11. Hiram: b February 7, 1811; m abt 1835 Lydia Lapham. See next N.1.2.9.1.4.1.11.

12. Ezra: b January 20, 1812; m 1st September 19, 1839, Mrs. Hannah J. (Underhill) Dennis (d September 1, 1840); m 2d October 27, 1842, Jane Chapman Baldwin (d April 14, 1884); d April 24, 1875. See next N.1.2.9.1.4.1.12.

13. Eliza: b 1814; m abt 1835 Daniel Anthony.

14. Ann: b abt 1816; died young.

N.1.2.9.1.4.1.1
RICHARD OSBORN WILLITS and MARGARET ROBINSON of Cayuga County, New York

Richard Osborn Willits was born on February 24, 1795, probably at Burlington County, New Jersey. He married about 1820 Margaret Robinson. He died on September 27, 1823.
(Bookstaver, pages 116-117; Willits, page 12).

1. Elizabeth: b abt 1821.

2. Richard O: b November 15, 1823, in Ohio; m in Union Springs, Cayuga County, New York, on October 8, 1846, Elizabeth Fish, the daughter of Isaac and Catherine (Yawger) Fish, Esquire; d on January 31, 1892. See next N.1.2.9.1.4.1.1.2.

N.1.2.9.1.4.1.1.2
RICHARD O. WILLITS and ELIZABETH FISH of Washentaw County, Michigan

Richard O. Willits was born on November 15, 1823, in Ohio. He married at Union Springs, Cayuga County, New York, on October 8, 1846, Elizabeth Fish, the daughter of Isaac and Catherine (Yawger) Fish, Esquire.
He was a manufacturer of farming implements, while a resident of Ohio, and had an extensive establishment at Ontario Lake, Ontario County. In 1867, he settled in Ann Arbor Township, where he bought 120 acres of improved land. He died on January 31, 1892. (History of Washentaw County, Michigan, 1881, page 1056).
(Bookstaver, page 125; Willits, page 12).

1. Mary E: b October 6, 1848; resided in Washentaw County, Michigan, in 1881.

2. Isaiah F: b May 31, 1854; married; resided in Washentaw County, Michigan, in 1881.

N.1.2.9.1.4.1.2
WILLIAM W. WILLITS and MARIA PURDY of Cayuga County, New York

William W. Willits was born May 31, 1796, probably at Burlington County, New Jersey. He married on January 21, 1819, Maria Purdy. He died on May 7, 1840.
(Bookstaver, page 117; Willits, page 12).

1. Purdy Monmouth: b January 31, 1820; m abt 1845 Sarah Arnold. See next N.1.2.9.1.4.2.1.

2. William Eizenhart: b November 22, 1821; m abt 1845 Margaret Thurston. See next N.1.2.9.1.4.1.2.2.

N.1.2.9.1.4.1.2.1
PURDY MONMOUTH WILLITS and SARAH ARNOLD

Purdy Monmouth was born on January 31, 1820. He married about 1845 Sarah Arnold. (Bookstaver, page 126; Willits, page 12).

1. Ephraim Walstein: b June 14, 1846; m abt 1870 Elizabeth C. Roe. (Bookstaver, page 128; Willits, page 12).

    1. James Purdy: b September 1, 1877.

    2. Walstein Francis: b March 21, 1879.

2. Maria Judith: b December 9, 1847.

3. William Purdy: b February 7, 1850; d May 20, 1860.

4. Benjamin Arnold: b April 7, 1851; m abt 1875 Alice E. Maxon. (Bookstaver, page 128; Willits, page 13).

    1. Orcelia Loraine: b April 4, 1878.

    2. Benjamin Arnold: b September 21, 1880.

    3. Alice Marie: b March 4, 1883.

    4. Marguerite: b April 29, 1893.

5. Frederick Eugene: b March 30, 1856.

6. Francis Eiznehart: b March 21, 1858; d September 15, 1880.

7. Harriet Gray: b January 10, 1860.

N.1.2.9.1.4.1.2.2
WILLIAM EIZENHART WILLITS and MARGARET THURSTON

William Eizenhart Willits was born on November 22, 1821. He married about 1845 Margaret Thurston. (Bookstaver, page 126; Willits, page 13).

1. William: b abt 1847.

2. Helen Maria: b abt 1850; m Fisher.

N.1.2.9.1.4.1.4
HENRY WILLITS and LUCY MOSHER

Henry Willits was born on January 14, 1799. He married about 1820 Lucy Mosher. (Bookstaver, page 117; Willits, page 13).

1. Mary: b abt 1822.

2. Albert: b abt 1825.

3. Charles: b abt 1827.

4. Julia: b abt 1830.

5. Eliza: b abt 1832.

6. George: b abt 1835.

N.1.2.9.1.4.1.6
DEACON G. WILLITS and LUCIA MILES of Berrien County, Michigan

Deacon G. Willits was born on September 28, 1803, in New Jersey. He married about 1825 Lucia Miles (b 1796 in Connecticutt). In 1850, they were residing in Division No. 10, Berrien County, Michigan, and he was a bricklayer. (Bookstaver, page 117; Willits, page 13; 1850 Berrien County, Michigan, census).

1. Josiah: b abt 1827.

2. Elizabeth: b abt 1830.

3. Beulah D: b 1832. (1850 Berrien County, Michigan, census).

4. Frederick: b 1837. (1850 Berrien County, Michigan, census).

5. Henry J: b 1839. (1850 Berrien County, Michigan, census).

N.1.2.9.1.4.1.7
WALTER WILLETS and CHARLOTTE A. BOTTSFORD
of Cattaraugus County, New York, and Monroe County, Michigan

Walter Willets was born on June 25, 1805. He married about 1827, Charlotte A. Bottsford, and they resided in Cattaraugus County, New York. In September, 1838, they removed Michigan. In 1850, he was a ran a saw mill in Scio Township, Washtenaw, Michigan (1850 Washtenaw County census).
(Bookstaver, pages 117-118; Willits, page 14).

1. Edwin: b April 24, 1830, in Otto, Cattaraugus County, New York; he was brought to Monroe County, Michigan, as a child, in September, 1838; m abt 1850 Jane J. Ingersoll, the daughter of Judge Ingersoll of Dundee, Monroe County, Michigan; he was a lawyer by profession and a Congressman from Michigan from 1877 to 1883. (History of Monroe County, Michigan, 1890, page 282; Willits, page 14; 1850 Washtenaw County census).

    1. (daughter): b abt 1852.

    2. George Spencer: b abt 1855; a lawyer in Chicago, Illinois. (Willits, page 14).

        1. Ruth.

2. Elizabeth: b March 26, 1832, in New York. (1850 Washtenaw County census).

3. Adaline: b 1835 in Canada. (1850 Washtenaw County census).

4. Louisa: b 1839 in Michigan. (1850 Washtenaw County census).

5. William: b 1841 in Michigan; died without issue. (1850 Washtenaw County census).

6. James Birney: b 1843 in Michigan; no children. (1850 Washtenaw County census).

7. Mary M: b 1845 in Michigan. (1850 Washtenaw County census).

8. Helen Bennett: b 1849 in Michigan. (1850 Washtenaw County census).

9. Eugene M: b abt 1851. (Bookstaver, page 126; Willits, page 14).

    1. Charlotte:

    2. Charles:

N.1.2.9.1.4.1.8
AMOS RIDGWAY WILLITS of Ledyard Township, Cayuga County, New York

Amos Ridgway Willits was born on June 20, 1806. He married 1st on January 25, 1832, Nancy Mosher. He married 2d on September 26, 1835, Sarah Gifford; m 3d Alice Slocum (b 1832), no issue; m 4th 1867 Abby Anthony, no issue. In 1850, they were living in Ledyard Township, Cayuga County, New York (1850 Cayuga County census).
(Bookstaver, page 118; Willits, pages 14-15).

1. Nancy M: b September 1, 1833; d February 27, 1849.

2. Mary B: b April 25, 1839; m December 5, 1862, Cyrus Packard.

N.1.2.9.1.4.1.9
JOHN WILLITS and MARY J. LAPHAM of Philadelphi, Pennsylvania

John Willits was born on December 15, 1807. He married on April 2, 1827, Mary J. Lapham. He died on October 25, 1871. (Bookstaver, page 118; Willits, page 15).

> "Sixty or seventy years ago, some of the farmers of Little Egg Harbor, who had not farms for all their sons, sent the farmless ones to Philadelphi to learn the bricklayers trade, and especially this is the case among the Willits; and this is the cause of so many of them being residents of that city.
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> Those who were sober and industrious amasses clever fortunes, but those who embarked in the craft of dissipation went down to the grave in utter destitution, unhonored and unsung. Among the youngsters of Little Egg Harbor who were apprenticed to the bricklaying trade, was Allen, son of Thomas Ridgway III; Asa, son of John Willits I; Joseph, Archibald, and John, sons of James Willits III; Eben, Sr., and Archelaus R., sons of Timothy Pharo, Jr., and also Job, Nathan, and Edmund, sons of Nathan Bartlett II" (Hook, pages 107-109; Willits, page 8).

1. Eliza B: b February 22, 1829; m October 12, 1869, Nathaniel Meed.

2. Asa Lapham: b September 4, 1831; m April 12, 1866.

3. Alfred: b December 2, 1834.

4. Mary Lapham: b June 24, 1836.

5. Ann Thorn: b September 23, 1838; m October, 1867, Jason Speer.

6. Emily: b September 3, 1841.

7. William Penn: b August 6, 1843; m October 10, 1863, Rachel C. Kellogg. (Bookstaver, page 126; Willits, page 15).

    1. Emma: b September 20, 1869.

    2. Anna: b October 28, 1873.

N.1.2.9.1.4.1.10
SAMUEL WILLITS and PAMELA STOUT of Ledyard, Cayuga County, New York

Samuel Willits was born on March 6, 1810. He resided in Ledyard, Cayuga County, New York. He married on November 25, 1835, Pamela Stout. He died on September 23, 1853, and is buried in the Brick Church Cemetery, Ledyard, Cayuga County, New York.
(Bookstaver, pages 118-119; Willits, page 15).

> "All persons having claims against the estate of Samuel Willets, late of Ledyard, Cayuga County,, deceased, present to Amos R. Willets, one of the administrators at office of Ebenezer W. Arms, Aurora, Cayuga County. Signed: Permelia Willets, Amos Willets, Auburn Daily; Wednesday, July 12, 1854."

1. Hiram B: b November 6, 1836; m abt 1860 Mary Jane Reed; d June 1890. (Bookstaver, page 126).

1. Samuel Godfrey: b September 17, 1865; m February 26, 1891, Fanny H. Searing. (Bookstaver, page 128).

1. Seymore Russell: b December 31, 1896.

2. Elizabeth: b May 9, 1839; m abt 1860 Alexander M. Runyon.

3. Ezra: b August 9, 1843; d February 19, 1844.

4. Caroline Howland: b August 24, 1841; m September 14, 1870, Richard A. Ross; d May 8, 1896.

5. Maria Purdy: b October 30, 1847.

N.1.2.9.1.4.1.11
HIRAM WILLITS and LYDIA LAPHAM of Cayuga County, New York

Hiram Willits was born on February 7, 1811. He married about 1835 Lydia Lapham. (Bookstaver, page 119; Willits, page 16).

1. Samuel: b abt 1840.

N.1.2.9.1.4.1.12
EZRA WILLITS of Ledyard Township, Cayuga County, New York

Ezra Willits was born on January 12, 1812. He married 1st on September 19, 1839, Hannah J. Dennis (d September 1, 1840).

He married 2d October 27, 1842, Jane Chapman Baldwin (b 1813 in new York; d April 14, 1884). In 1850, they were living in Ledyard Township, Cayuga County, New York. (1850 Cayuga County, New York, census). Ezra died on April 24, 1875. (Bookstaver, page 119; Willits, page 16).

1. Hannah J: b October 17, 1843. (1850 Cayuga County, New York, census).

2. Charles B: b September 14, 1845; d December 5, 1870. (1850 Cayuga County, New York, census).

3. Cornelia M: b August 13, 1847; m November 28, 1871, Reverend Theo Boone; d September 18, 1876. (1850 Cayuga County, New York, census).

4. Sarah E: b December 30, 1851; m January 23, 1878, Ellis Y. Brown of Downington, Pennsylvania;d March 15, 1882.

5. Meribah: b March 27, 1856; m February 23, 1881, Thomas Edge Park; d March 15, 1882.

N.1.2.9.1.4.2
THOMAS WILLITS, Jr.
of Tuckerton, Ocean County, New Jersey, and LaPorte, LaPorte County, Indiana

Thomas Willits was born on October 19, 1774, near Tuckerton, Ocean County, New Jersey. He was raised in a Quaker family.

> He "received a good education, the Friends always being careful to secure this advantage for their children" (Biographical and Genealogical History of the State of Delaware, 1899, page 580).

Thomas Willits married 1st about 1795 Pancoast. They resided in Tuckerton, Ocean County, New Jersey. He married 2d his cousin Mary Willits (b October 4, 1789; d 1885, age 93), the daughter of James and Phebe (Bartlett) Willits (N.1.2.9.1.9) of Little Egg Harbor.

In 1838, when he was about 65 years of age, Thomas and Mary, with all their family except Horatio and Phoebe, removed to LaPorte, LaPorte County, Indiana. They travelled by boat up the Hudson River, through the Erie Canal, and across Lake Erie, to LaPorte. Here Thomas worked as a carpenter and farmer. They remained Quakers throughout their life. Thomas died on November 17, 1846. Mary (Willits) Willits died on November 27, 1881, in her 93d year.

(Bookstaver, page 114; Willits, page 16).

1. Anna P: b abt 1797, at Little Egg Harbor; m 1826 Joseph Bartlett.

2. Horatio Nelson: b December 15, 1809, near Tuckerton, Ocean County, New Jersey; m 1st at Burlington County, New Jersey, on January 16, 1839, Elizabeth Biddle; m 2d Elizabeth N. Merritt of Middletown, Delaware; they resided in Middletown, New Castle County, Delaware. See next N.1.2.9.1.4.2.2.

3. Phoebe B: b abt 1811; m 1833 at Burlington County, New Jersey, Allen R. Pharo of Philadelphi.

4. Marietta: b abt 1813; m abt 1835 George Anderson of Chicago, Illinois; d before 1902.

5. Martha: b abt 1815; m abt 1835 Asa C. Ridgway of LaPorte, LaPorte County, Indiana; living in 1902.

6. Henry; b abt 1817; m abt 1840 Mary Chapman; d in California.

   1. Elizabeth:

7. Hannah: b abt 1820; m William Holman, M. D., of LaPorte, Indiana.

8. Louisa Rachel: b abt 1825; m abt 1845 Isaac Holman of Rochester, Indiana.

9. James R: b September 19, 1830; m abt 1850 Eliza; he was a physician in Fredonia, Wilson County, Kansas. (See next N.1.2.9.1.4.2.9).

N.1.2.9.1.4.2.2
HORATIO NELSON WILLITS of Middletown, New Castle County, Delaware

Horatio Nelson Willits was born on December 15, 1809, near Tuckerton, Ocean County, New Jersey.

> "He was named in honor of the lamented victor of the then recent Battle of Trafalgar. He first attended school in his own neighborhood, and principally in the winter months, as he assisted on his father's farm during the busy season. By his own efforts, he afterwards supplied many of the deficiencies in his early education. At the age of fifteen, he became apprenticed to his uncle, Jospeh Bartlett Willits of Philadelphi, a well-known contractor, builder, and architect. Having completed his apprenticeship, and reached his majority, he entered into partnership with his brother-in-law, Allen R. Pharo, of Philadelphi, for the purpose of being educated a builder. They erected many private dwellings as well as public buildings, among them the Noble Street Friend's Meeting House, and the Asylum for the Blind. The partnership lasted until 1842.
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> Mr. Willets then continued the business alone for a short time, after which he removed to Baltimore and was for a year engaged in the manufacture of umbrella" (Biographical and Genealogical History of the State of Delaware, page 580).

He married 1st at Burlington County, New Jersey, on January 16, 1839, Elizabeth M. Biddle. At this time, he was a resident of Philadelphi. He married 2d on April 1, 1846, Elizabeth Noxon (b March 7, 1823, Wilmington, Delaware), the daughter of Thomas Schee and Mary Paxson (Noxon) Merritt. They resided in Middletown, New Castle County, Delaware.

After his marriage, Mr. Willits became a member of St. Anne's Protestant Episcopal church at Middletown, of which he has for many years been senior warden.

> "In 1846, he settled on the Maple Grove farm, a part of the tract which came into his family by conyenance from William Penn. This farm Mr. Willits cultivated until 1870. In 1847, he built a commodious dwelling on this property. From 1870 till 1880, he was one of the most extensive dealers in and producers of peaches on the peninsular. His own trees were very numerous and productive; at one time he had forty thousand in bearing.
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> During the year 1888, Mr. Willits purchased a peach evaporating factory in Middletown, from which were turned out large quantities of fruit. In this year he retired from business at the age of 79.
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> Mr. Willits was an active and thorough business man, a stockholder and director of the New Castle county National Bank, of Odessa, and one of the oldest members of the board. He was connected in the same way with the Cantwell Fire Insurance Company. To these positions, his son, Merritt Noxon Willits has succeeded. Politically, Mr. Willits was a Whig, and decided in his opposition to slavery, espousing the cause of

the Union, and contributing liberally from his means for its maintenance" (Biographical and Genealogical History of the State of Delaware, page 580).

(Bookstaver, pages 123-124; Willits, page 17).

1. Merritt Noxon: b September 5, 1847; m 1st October 9, 1869, Laura Eugenia Naudain (d February 9, 1875); m 2d October 15, 1879, Louisa W. Ridgway, the daughter of Jesse C. and Lydia Ann (Willits) Ridgway, and granddaughter of Joseph B. and Lydia (Cawly) Willits. See next N.1.2.9.1.4.2.2.1.

2. Clarence Douglas: b January 22, 1851; d June 3, 1851, an infant.

3. Horace C: b March 9, 1852; d September 11, 1853, an infant.

N.1.2.9.1.4.2.2.1
MERRITT NOXON WILLITS of Middletown, New Castle County, Delaware

Merritt Noxon Willits was born on September 5, 1847.

"Merritt Noxon Willits, the eldest son, began his education at St. Anne's rectory, taught by Reverend H. Arnold, then studied at the Middletown Academy; afterward attended boarding school at West Chester, Pennsylvania, under Professor Myers; and finally pursued his course of study under Reverend Dr. Clempson, at Claymont, Delaware. He had now begun preparation for the study of law, when his eyes becoming seriously affected, he was compelled to lay aside his life's choice. He returned home, but enjoyed 5 years' instruction under private tutors, among whom were Mr. Sharer, a Confederate prisoner then on parole, and the Reverend James H. Brooks, now of Oil City, Pennsylvania" (Biographical and Genealogical History of the State of Delaware, page 581).

He married 1st on October 9, 1869, Laura Eugenia Naudain (d February 9, 1875); m 2d October 15, 1879, Louisa W. Ridgway, the daughter of Jesse C. and Lydia Ann (Willits) Ridgway, and granddaughter of Joseph B. and Lydia (Cawly) Willits.

"After completing his education, Mr. Willits took charge of the Maple Grove farm, and continued actively engaged in agricultural pursuits until 1892. He was interested for years with his father in peach culture, and is still extensively engaged in fruit raising, besides superintending the cultivation of about eight hundred acres of land in St. George's hundred.

Mr. Willits has excellent business qualifications of enterprise and sound judgment, which are called into requisition in public concerns as well as private affairs. He was one of the originators and is a stock-

holder in the Creamery Company at Middletown. He has succeeded his father as stockholder and director in the Odessa National Bank and the Cantwell Fire Insurance Company, and has for one term Trustee of the Poor for New Castle County. His politics are Republican, and he holds membership in the Masonic Lodge, No. 5, A. F. and A. M., and in the Junior Order of American Mechanics, both of Middletown" (Biographical and Genealogical History of the State of Delaware, page 581).

Mr. Willits and his family are all members of the Episcopal Church. (Bookstaver, pages 124-125).

1. Horatio Nelson: b September 29, 1870; educated as a lawyer; resided in Philadelphi.

2. Laura Eugenia: b abt 1882.

3. Merritt N: b 1874.

4. Clara Lydia: b 1883.

5. Jesse Royden: b November 19, 1885.

6. Elizabeth Noxon: b September 28, 1887; d September 26, 1888.

N.1.2.9.1.4.2.9
JAMES R. WILLETS and ELIZA BURWELL
of Paris, Edgar County, Illinois, and Fredonia, Wilson County, Kansas

James R. Willets was born on September 19, 1830, in Burlington County, New Jersey. In 1838, his parents left New Jersey, and travelled up the Hudson River, through the Erie Canal and across Lake Erie to Laporte, Laporte County, Indiana. This is where James Willits grew up and was educated. He began his preparation for medicine, and took a degree from the Indiana Medical College at Indianapolis in 1851. He located at Newport, Vermillion County, Indiana where he engaged in the practice of medicine for a period of 5 years. He then removed to Paris, Edgar County, Illinois. At Paris, Edgar County, Illinois, on January 7, 1858, he married Eliza Burwell (b 1838; d in Fredonia, Wilson County, Kansas, April 7, 1917, age 86), the daughter of Arthur and Hagy Burwell.

When the war came, James R. Willets joined the Army for service as an assistant surgeon and was assigned for hospital duty at Bardstown, Kentucky, and at Nashville, Tennessee.

In the autumn of 1864, he left the service and for the next year went to Leavenworth, Leavenworth County, Kansas (just north of Kansas City). Here he continued his practice of medicine for the next four years, and then located, temorarily, at Nevada, Vernon County, Missouri. About 1870, James R. Willets settled at Fredonia, Wilson County, Kansas.

In 1886, Dr. Willets erected a handsome and commodius residence at the base of the Twin Mounds on the south side of the city, one of the attractive and commanding sites in Fredonia. In Masonic circels, he was a Knight Templar, and was a Mason since 1852. His will is dated September 23, 1908, and was probated on October 16, 1908. He named as his heirs: Eliza B. Willets, widow and administrator; James Roy Willits, Dan N. Willits; he left

80 acres in Prairie Township, Wilson County, Kansas, and a lot on Holmes Street in Kansas City, Missouri. The final settlement was made on October 16, 1911.

(Bookstaver, page 123; Willits, page 18; 1875 Kansas State census; 1880 Wilson County, Kansas, census).

1. Donald N: b January, 1859, in Illinois; m December 14, 1881, Mary Defevers (b 1862 in Kentucky); in 1880, he was a deputy clerk of court in Fredonia, Wilson County, Kansas; by 1902, he was with the United States Marshall Office in Topeka, Kansas. (1875 Kansas State census; 1880 Wilson County, Kansas, census).

2. Willard E: b 1861 in Illinois; in 1880, he was a dry goods dealer in Fredonia, Wilson County, Kansas; d 1892. (1875 Kansas State census; 1880 Wilson County, Kansas, census).

3. James Roy: b January, 1869, in Missouri. (1875 Kansas State census; 1880 Wilson County, Kansas, census).

4. N. Perry: b 1872 in Kansas; resided in Fredonia, Wilson County, Kansas; a graduate of Baker University, winner of orational honors and a promising young lawyer; served 2 terms in the legislature; d in the University Hospital at Kansas City on March 18, 1906; will probated March 22, 1906. His heirs were his father, J. R. Willets (who had predeceased him) and his mother, Eliza B. Willets. (1875 Kansas State census; 1880 Wilson County, Kansas, census).

N.1.2.9.1.6
THOMAS WILLETS and REBECCA MOODY of Little Egg Harbor, New Jersey

Thomas Willets was born on March 1, 1754, probably in New Jersey. He married in 1778, Rebecca Moody, the daughter of John Moody. They lived at Little Egg Harbor. Thomas Willets died on November 19, 1837.
(Bookstaver, pages 112-113; Hook, page 108; Willits, page 19).

1. Ebneezer: b January 14, 1780; m abt 1800 Thursa Mathis, the daughter of Hezekiah Mathis; resided in Philadelphi, Pennsylvania.

2. John: b December 4, 1782; m abt 1805 Catherine Hyatt; d December, 1857. See next N.1.2.9.1.6.2.

3. Isaac: b September 5, 1784; d unmarried.

4. Eliakim: b March 11, 1789.

5. Jacob: b abt 1791; died young.

6. James: b March 28, 1793; m abt 1805 Sarah Stiles. See next N.1.2.9.1.6.6.

7. Jacob: b September 3, 1796; m abt 1820 Sarah Mathis, the daughter of Hezekiah Mathis and sister to Thursa Mathis.

8. Sarah: b October 3, 1800, in New Jersey.

9. Ann: b February 10, 1803; m October 27, 1823, James D. Kelley at Burlington County, New Jersey; resided in Salem County, New Jersey.

N.1.2.9.1.6.2
JOHN WILLITS and CATHERINE HYATT of Philadelphi, Pennsylvania

John Willits was born on December 4, 1782, at Little Egg Harbor, New Jersey. As a young man, he removed to Philadelphi where he became engaged as a builder. He married in Philadelphi, Pennsylvania, about 1805 Catherine Hyatt. He was an active building contractor in Philadelphi. John Willits died in December, 1857.
(Bookstaver, pages 115-116; Willits, page 19).

1. Thomas: b 1810; m abt 1830 Susan P. Smith; d March, 1880. See next N.1.2.9.1.6.2.1.

2. Rebecca: b 1812; m abt 1835 Richard A. Carlis who was professionally known as Professor Ripley.

3. Peter H: b 1814; m abt 1835 Georginna Turner. See next N.1.2.9.1.6.2.3.

4. John: b 1817; m Elizabeth Schriner; d December, 1881. See next N.1.2.9.1.6.2.4.

6. Caroline S: b 1822; m abt 1845 Louis W. Learny.

7. George Sydney (I): b June 25, 1824, in Philadelphi; m 1st abt 1848 Sarah E. Githens (d January, 1857); m 2d Mary P. Conrad; d September, 1865. See next N.1.2.9.1.6.2.7.

8. Susan D: b 1827; m abt 1850 Frank Johnson; d 1882.

9. Catherine: b 1829; d 1830.

10. Catherine A: b 1832; never married.

N.1.2.9.1.6.2.1
THOMAS WILLITS and SUSAN P. SMITH of Pennsylvania

Thomas Willits was born in 1810. He married about 1830 Susan P. Smith. He died in March, 1880. (Bookstaver, page 119; Willits, page 20).

1. Edward: b abt 1822; no issue.

2. (daughter): b abt 1825.

N.1.2.9.1.6.2.3
PETER H. WILLITS and GEORGIANNA TURNER of Pennsylvania

Peter H. Willits was born on September 14, 1814. He married about 1835 Georgianna Turner. When the war came, he enlisted in the Union Army. He was killed at the battle of Antietam in 1862.
(Bookstaver, page 119; Willits, page 20).

1. George: b abt 1837; no issue.

2. Charles: b abt 1840; no issue.

3. Mary: b abt 1842; m Terrill.

4. Catherine: b abt 1845; m Kelchem.

N.1.2.9.1.6.2.4
JOHN WILLITS and ELIZABETH SCHRINER of Pennsylvania

John Willits was born on January 13, 1817. He married about 1840 Elizabeth Schriner. He died in December, 1881. (Bookstaver, page 120; Willits, page 20).

1. William: b abt 1842.

N.1.2.9.1.6.2.7
GEORGE SYDNEY WILLITS of New Jersey

George Sydney Willits (I) was born on June 25, 1824, in Philadelphi. He married 1st about 1848 Sarah E. Githens (d January, 1857). He married 2d about 1885 Mary P. Conrad. He died in September, 1865. (Bookstaver, page 120; Willits, page 20).

1. Carlisle K: b October, 1849; d December, 1871.

2. George Sydney, Jr: b February 21, 1853; m August 3, 1876, Sylvia B. Gaston; d May 3, 1917. See next N.1.2.9.1.6.2.7.2.

3. Nathaniel: b abt 1855; died young.

4. David M: b August 23, 1859; m abt 1880 Elizabeth Tully.

N.1.2.9.1.6.2.7.2
GEORGE SYDNEY WILLITS and SYLVIA B. GASTON of New Jersey

George Sydney Willits (II) was born on February 21, 1853. He attended Rutgers College, New Brunswick, New Jersey, and was a June, 1875, graduate of the U. S. Naval Academy.

He married on August 3, 1876, Sylvia B. Gaston.

He served at sea of the Hartford, Vandalia, Huron, Tallapoosa, Enterprise, Marion, Boston, and Trenton. He was on the Marblehead during the Spanish-American War (1898); he was on the Solace during the Boxer Rebellion in China (1903), and on the Baltimore and the flagship Kearsarge in 1903 and 1904. He rose through the ranks from assistant engineer on February 21, 1877, to the rank of Rear Admiral on March 26, 1913. He retired from active after 38 years of active naval service on February 21, 1915. He had been awarded service medals for the Cuban Expedition and the Chinese Expedition.

He was a Presbyterian. He died on May 3, 1917, at the age of 64 in Woodbury, New Jersey. He and his wife are buried in the Laurel Hill Cemetery.

(Bookstaver, page 127; Willits, pages 20-21; Who's Who in America, Volume IV, 1961-1968, page 1357).

1. Charles Cathcart: b March 1, 1878, at Elizabeth, New Jersey; m abt 1900 Ethel Dumont.

    1. Charles Dumont: b abt 1905.

2. Albert V: b February 21, 1881; d June, 1888.

3. Grace Gaston: b October 22, 1882, at Philadelphi; m January 25, 1912, Henry W. Von Bremen.

    1. Berend Von Bremen: b November 28, 1913, in New York City.

4. Alfred Sidney: b August 30, 1884, at Philadelphi; m October 17, 1931, Hilda Parshley.

5. Jessie Alma: b December 1, 1887, at Elizabeth, New Jersey; m October 25, 1913, Edward B. Yancy of Harrisonburg, Pennsylvania.

6. Oliver Gaston: b February 20, 1892, in Brooklyn, New York; m at Riverton, New Jersey, on April 8, 1915, Margaret Fitler.

1. Margaret (Margot): b May 28, 1920; m October 11, 1941, Harold Ernst Jahn, the son of William A. and Amelia (Ott) Jahn, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

1. Jody Amalia Jahn: b January 16, 1945.

2. Nan: b January 29, 1923; m May 31, 1947, Dr. William Jessup Blake.

3. Sylvia Ann: b May 12, 1926; m May 6, 1949, Richard Rittenhouse.

N.1.2.9.1.6.5
JAMES WILLITS and SARAH STILES of Pennsylvania

James Willits was born on March 28, 1793. He married about 1815 Sarah Stiles, the daughter of Samuel Stiles, Jr. (Bookstaver, page 116; Willits, page 21).

1. Melvina: b abt 1817; m January 13, 1838, James Sleight, the son of Brant and Ann Sleight.

2. Alphonso Albert: b abt 1820; a distinguished minister and lecturer; m abt 1845 Eliza Jane Street, of Philadelphi, Pennsylvania. See next N.1.2.9.1.6.5.2.

N.1.2.9.1.6.5.2
ALPHONSO ALBERT WILLITS and ELIZA JANE STREET of Philadelphi, Pennsylvania

Alphonso Albert Willits was born about 1820. He married about 1845 Eliza Jane Street of Philadelphi. He became a distinguished Presbyertian minister and lecturer. (Bookstaver, page 120; Willits, page 21).

1. Elizabeth: b abt 1848.

2. Albert Bower: b March 7, 1851, at Philadelphi; a graduate of the U. S. Naval Academy in 174; m September 28, 1876, Anna Bain White. He served at sea on the Monatauk, Wynadotte, Adams, Powhatan, Hartford, Pensacola, Iowa, and Newark. He retired on March 7, 1913, because of his age, after serving in the navy for 40 years, and 5 months. He was a Democrat; a Presbyterian; he contributed numerous technical articles to engineering magazines. (Who's Who in America, Volume IV, 1961-1968, page 1357).

3. Paul: b abt 1853.

4. Frederick: b abt 1855.

5. Charles: b abt 1857.

6. Julia: b abt 1860.

7. Belle: b abt 1862.

N.1.2.9.1.8
JEREMIAH WILLITS, Sr. and MARY BARTLETT of Little Egg Harbor, New Jersey.

Jeremiah Willits was born on May 26, 1759, at Little Egg Harbor, New Jersey. He was raised in the Quaker faith. He married at Little Egg Harbor in 1783 Mary Bartlett (b February 9, 1766; d November 4, 1852), the daughter of Nathan and Judith (Somers) Bartlett.

Jeremiah Willits, Sr. died on October 16, 1839.

(Bookstaver, page 113; Hook, pages 108-109; Willits, page 22).

1. Nathan: b 1787; m 1st 1810 Judith Leeds, the daughter of Daniel Leeds, IV; m 2d Sarah Pancoast (no issue); d at Haddonfield, Camden County, New Jersey, September 19, 1851. See next N.1.2.9.1.8.1.

2. Judith: b 1789; m 1st at Little Egg Harbor in 1816 Samuel Smith of Atlantic County, New Jersey; m 2d George Williamson.

3. Jeremiah: b June 14, 1794; m abt 1815 Sarah Basset Smith; d June, 1875. See next N.1.2.9.1.8.3.

4. Job: b December 21, 1800; m 1820 Mary Lippincott of Upper Burlington County. See next N.1.2.9.1.8.4.

N.1.2.9.1.8.1
NATHAN WILLITS of Haddonfield, Camden County, New Jersey

Nathan Willits was born in 1787 at Little Egg Harbor, New Jersey. He was raised in the Quaker faith. He married 1st 1810 Judith Leeds, the daughter of Daniel Leeds, IV.

He married 2d Sarah Pancoast; no issue. He died at Haddonfield, Camden County, New Jersey, on September 19, 1851.

(Bookstaver, page 122; Willits, page 22).

1. Charles Leeds: b August 14, 1814; m abt 1835 Sarah Tomlinson; d November 4, 1883; no issue.

2. Samuel Smith: b December 8, 1817; m 1st abt 1840 Martha Abbott; m 2d Rebecca Gill. See next N.1.2.9.1.8.1.2.

3. Nathan Bartlett: b March 25, 1822; m abt 1845 his 1st cousin Sarah A. Willits (b December 22, 1822), the daughter of Job and Mary (Lippincott) Willits (N.1.2.9.1.8.4). See next N.1.2.9.1.8.1.3.

N.1.2.9.1.8.1.2
SAMUEL SMITH WILLITS of New Jersey

Samuel Smith Willits was born on December 8, 1817. He married 1st about 1840 Martha Abbott. He married 2d Rebecca Gill. (Bookstaver, page 124; Willits, pages 22-23).

1. Samuel: b 1845; m abt 1870 Abigail S. Evans. (Bookstaver, page 125; Willits, pages 22-23).

    1. Esther E: b abt 1875; m Arthur H. Thomas. (Bookstaver, page 128).

        1. Marion W. Thomas: b 1900.

        2. Arthur H. Thomas: b 1904.

    2. Josiah E: b 1878.

    3. Edward G: b 1880.

    4. Marion A: b 1883.

    5. S. Abbot: b 1895.

2. John G: b 1849; m abt 1870 Anna Eastburn.

3. Charles: b 1854.

4. Ann B: b 1855.

N.1.2.9.1.8.1.3
NATHAN BARTLETT WILLITS and SARAH A. WILLITS of New Jersey

Nathan Bartlett Willits was born on March 25, 1822. He married about 1845 his 1st cousin Sarah A. Willits (b December 22, 1822), the daughter of Job and Mary (Lippincott) Willits (N.1.2.9.1.8.4). (Bookstaver, page 124; Willits, page 23).

1. Joseph N: b October 24, 1860; m abt 1882 Mary W. Rainer of Blackwood, Gloucester County, New Jersey. (Bookstaver, page 125; Willits, page 23).

    1. Alia M: b October 31, 1884.

    2. Anna G: b October 20, 1886.

    3. Edna R: b September 22, 1889.

    4. Nathan Joseph: b February 8, 1892.

    5. Edwin Mills: b May 12, 1895.

N.1.2.9.1.8.3
JEREMIAH WILLITS and SARAH BASSETT SMITH of New Jersey

Jeremiah Willits was born on June 17, 1794. He married about 1815 Sarah Bassett Smith. He died in June, 1875. (Bookstaver, pages 122-123; Willits, page 24).

1. Edmond: b abt 1817.

2. Elizabeth: b 1820; m 1st abt 1840 Henry W. Worthington; m 2d Samuel Leeds.

3. Mary: b 1824.

4. Jeremiah: b 1828; m abt 1852 Henrietta Ridgway Woodward. See next N.1.2.9.1.8.3.4.

5. Judith Ann: b abt 1830; m abt 1850 John Crenshaw of Richmond, Virginia.

6. Sarah: b abt 1832; died young.

N.1.2.9.1.8.3.4
JEREMIAH WILLITS and HENRIETTA RIDGWAY WOODWARD of New Jersey

Jeremiah Willits was born in 1828. He married about 1852 Henrietta Ridgway Woodward. (Bookstaver, page 124; Willits, page 24).

1. Clara Dillsworth: b August 31, 1854.

2. Jeremiah Ridgway: b September 10, 1856; d April 25, 1857.

3. Edmund: b November 23, 1857; m abt 1880 Margaret McCutcheon.

4. Samuel W: b September 22, 1859; d September 27, 1861.

5. Henrietta: b November 28, 1863.

N.1.2.9.1.8.4
JOB WILLITS and MARY LIPPINCOTT of Burlington County, New Jersey

Job Willits was born on December 21, 1800. He married about 1820 Mary Lippincott of Upper Burlington County, New Jersey. (Bookstaver, page 123; Willits, page 24).

1. Sarah A: b December 28, 1822, in New Jersey; m abt 1845 her 1st cousin Nathan B. Willits (N.1.2.9.1.8.1.3).

2. Jeremiah: b December 6, 1821.

3. Mary: b 1824.

4. Nathan: b 1827.

N.1.2.9.1.9
JAMES WILLITS (III) of Little Egg Harbor, Burlington County, New Jersey

James Willits (III) was born on June 8, 1763. He married 1st on September 21, 1784, Phebe Bartlett. After a marriage of 27 years, she died on November 11, 1811.

James Willits married 2d on February 18, 1813, Margarey Bellangee, the daughter of Thomas and Mary (Barton) Bellangee.

James apprenticed his sons, Joseph, Archelaus, and John, to the bricklaying trade in Philadelphi, Pennsylvania. He died on March 27, 1847, at the age of 84.

(Bookstaver, pages 113-114; Hook, page 109; Willits, page 25).

1. Anna: b September 28, 1785; m abt 1805 John Collins of Philadelphi.

2. Hannah: b March 11, 1787; m 1807 Timothy Pharo.

3. Mary: b October 4, 1789; m her 1st cousin, Thomas Willits, the son of Henry Willits.

4. Joseph Bartlett: b January 11, 1792; m at Woodstown, Salem County, New Jersey, on February 1, 1817, Lydia S. Crawley (b October 27, 1791), the daughter of Samuel and Amy Crawley. See next N.1.2.9.1.9.4.

5. Archelaus: b September 25, 1794; m abt 1815 Mary T. Haines, the daughter of Simeon Haines; d July 19, 1821. See next N.1.2.9.1.9.5.

6. Henry: b November 16, 1797; d April 10, 1798.

7. Rachel: b March 5, 1799; m abt 1820 David Moore; d December, 1871.

8. Eliza: b September 4, 1801; d January 8, 1803.

9. John: b May 24, 1805; m abt 1825 Mary Paxon; no issue.

10. Phebe: b January 3, 1808; d January 7, 1808.

11. Willits: b September 24, 1811; died the same day.

12. Phebe: b September 1, 1815; d November 15, 1815.

13. Jane: b December 28, 1817; m abt 1840 Samuel B. Cawley of Philadelphi.

N.1.2.9.1.9.4
JOSEPH BARTLETT WILLITS and LYDIA S. CRAWLEY of Philadelphi, Pennsylvania

Joseph Bartlett Willits was born on January 11, 1792. He married at Woodstown, Salem County, New Jersey, on February 1, 1817, Lydia S. Crawley (b October 27, 1791), the daughter of Samuel and Amy Crawley.

(Bookstaver, page 116; Willits, page 26).

1. Louisa: b 1817; m abt 1840 Archelaus R. Pharo. (Bookstaver, pages 120-121).

1. Archelaus Pharo: b 1839; d 1842.

2. Joseph W. Pharo: b 1841.

3. Louisa P. Pharo: b 1842.

4. Timothy A. Pharo: b 1845; d 1857.

5. Archelaus W. Pharo: b 1848; d 1850.

6. Lydia E. Pharo: b 1851.

7. Walter W. Pharo: b 1855; m abt 1875 Elizabeth B. Wilson.

2. Samuel C: b February 20, 1819; m May 20, 1858, Phoebe A. Pearson, the daughter of Isaac Pearson. They resided in Holmesburg, Pennsylvania. See next N.1.2.9.1.9.4.

3. James: b March 12, 1821; m October 4, 1853, Rachel Atkinson, the daughter of Chalkey and Mary S. Atkinson of Columbus, Burlington County, New Jersey. See next N.1.2.9.1.9.4.3.

4. Lydia: b 1823; d 1824.

5. Joseph: b March 3, 1825, in Philadelphi; settled in Holmesburg; m abt 1845 Rebecca Lippincott. See next N.1.2.9.1.9.4.5.

6. Lydia A: b 1827; m abt 1850 Jesse C. Ridgway. (Bookstaver, pages 121-122).

1. Louisa W. Ridgway: b 1852; m Merritt N. Willits.

2. Clara D. Ridgway: b 1856; d 1861.

3. Alice M. Ridgway: b 1860.

4. Corrine Ridgway: b 1861.

7. Alfred: b June 5, 1830; m February 5, 1856, Anna M. Owen (b April 13, 1835). See next N.1.2.9.1.9.4.7.

8. Mary P: b 1832; d 1834.

N.1.2.9.1.9.4.2

SAMUEL C. WILLITS and PHOEBE A. PEARSON of Holmesburg, Pennsylvania

Samuel C. Willits was born on February 20, 1819. He maried on May 20, 1858, Phoebe A. Pearson, the daughter of Isaac Pearson. They moved to Holmesburg, Pennsylvania. He died on March 13, 1885.
(Bookstaver, page 121; Willits, page 27).

1. Isaac Pearson: b January 31, 1860; m April 25, 1895, Catherine Parmalee; he was a physician who had a practice in Germantown, Pennsylvania.

2. Emma P: b 1861; m abt 1885 Henry C. Carlisle. (Bookstaver, page 127).

    1. Phoebe Carlisle: b 1893.

    2. Elizabeth Carlisle: b 1897.

3. Lydia C: b 1864.

4. Louisa P: b 1864; m abt 1885 Isaac P. Roberts. (Bookstaver, page 127).

    1. Elizabeth P. Roberts: b 1892; d 1892.

    2. Ruth P. Roberts: b 1893.

    3. Samuel W. Roberts: b 1894.

N.1.2.9.1.9.4.3
JAMES WILLITS and RACHEL ATKINSON of New Jersey

James Willits was born on March 12, 1821. He married on October 4, 1853, Rachel Atkinson, the daughter of Chalkey and Mary S. Atkinson of Columbus, Burlington County, New Jersey.
(Bookstaver, page 121; Willits, page 27).

1. Mary B: b 1854; m abt 1875 Robert P. Brown.

2. Archelaus Pharo (twin): b January 13, 1857; m October 15, 1891, Mary C. Lippincott of Haddonfield, Camden County, New Jersey. (Bookstaver, page 127; Willits, page 28).

    1. James Howard: b January 2, 1894.

    2. Robert Pitfield: b April 5, 1897.

3. Joseph B. (twin): b January 13, 1857; m abt 1880 Martha B. Livery.

N.1.2.9.1.9.4.5
JOSEPH WILLITS and REBECCA LIPPINCOTT of Holmesburg, Pennsylvania

Joseph Willits was born on March 3, 1825, in Philadelphi. He married about 1845 Rebecca Lippincott. They settled in Holmesburg, Pennsylvania. (Bookstaver, page 121).

1. Morris Hendrie: b September 4, 1869; d August 24, 1870.

N.1.2.9.1.9.4.7
ALFRED WILLITS and ANNA M. OWEN

Alfred Willits was born on June 5, 1830. He married on February 5, 1856, Anna M. Owen (b April 13, 1835). (Bookstaver, page 122; Willits, page 29).

1. Alfred: b January 6, 1857.

2. Jesse D: b April 20, 1858.

3. Horace: b May 31, 1859; m abt 1880 Florence M. Bull; d December 18, 1874.

4. Jesse: b December 18, 1874.

N.1.2.9.1.9.5
ARCHELAUS WILLITS and MARY T. HAINES of New Jersey

Archelaus Willits was born on September 25, 1794. He married in 1816 Mary T. Haines, the daughter of Simeon Haines. Archelaus drowned in Tuckerton Bay, near Little Egg Harbor Bay, Ocean County, New Jersey, on July 9, 1821. (Bookstaver, page 116; Willits, page 29).

1. Phoebe: b March 2, 1817.

2. James: b January 20, 1820; m abt 1842 Lucy Ann Wilbur; d February 19, 1891. See next N.1.2.9.1.9.5.2.

N.1.2.9.1.9.5.2
JAMES WILLITS and LUCY ANN WILBUR of New Jersey

James Willits was born on January 20, 1820. He married about 1842 Lucy Ann Wilbur. He died on February 19, 1891. (Bookstaver, page 122; Willits, page 29).

1. Mary Ann: b June 15, 1844; m abt 1865 John W. Platt.

2. Margaret: b August 2, 1849; m abt 1870 Charles Melius of Gloversville, Fulton County, New York.

3. Elias: b April 7, 1852; m abt 1875 Flora E. Bathrick; resided in East Chatham, Columbia County, New York. (Bookstaver, page 128; Willits, page 29).

    1. Percy E: b February 28, 1881.

    2. Edna M: b January 19, 1884.

N.1.2.9.1.10

JOHN WILLITS and MARY BARTLETT of Little Egg Harbor, New Jersey

Joseph Willits was born on October 19, 1769. He married abt 1790 Mary Bartlett (b September 8, 1770; d November 2, 1811), the daughter of Joseph Bartlett, Jr., and Hannah Gifford. Joseph died on March 28, 1805, age 36. (Bookstaver, page 114; Hook, page 109; Willits, page 30).

1. Asa: b March 12, 1792; never married; he and Allen Ridgway were companions in their wanderings around the world.

2. Phebe: b December 13, 1793; m in Burlington County, New Jersey, 1820 Parker Willits, Sr.

3. Louisa: b September 9, 1795; d November 21, 1813.

4. Charlotte: b August 9, 1797; m abt 1820 Lewis Green; d February 2, 1826.

5. Martha: b March 30, 1799; m 1827 Jonathan Cox.

6. Hannah: b February 10, 1801; m in Burlington County, New Jersey, 1826 Nathan Bartlett, III.

7. Naomi: b November 6, 1803; m 1823 James Ridgway.

N.1.2.13

JOHN WILLETS and MARTHA CORSON of Cape May, Cape May County, New Jersey

John Willets was born on October 29, 1698. He became a pioneer of the Upper Township of Cape May, New Jersey. On October 5, 1716, he married Martha Corson (b July 20, 1695, in Cape May County, New Jersey), the daughter of John Corson and Mary Daws.

> "John Willett was a Judge of the Court for many years, and in 1743 and 1744, he served in the New Jersey legislature. He also was prominent in the Friends Meetings of Great Egg Harbor, and his name is often found in the town and county records" (Hook, page 99).

John Willets died on July 1, 1777, at Cape May, age 78 the 29th last of October.

> "Will of John Willets dated January 2, 1775, of Cape May County:
> To: sons, James and Isaac: all that part of Pecks Beach which I bought of John Townsend and Richard Smith;
> To: daughters, Sarah Townsend, Massah Townsend, Hannah Corson, and Rachel Sparks, my personal estate.
> Executors: Isaac Townsend of Cape May County and my sons, James and Isaac.
> Witnesses: Hugh Hathorn, Elizabeth Hathorn, Rem Corson.
> Proved August 11, 1777.
>
> Inventory August 9, 1777; £ 645.5.2½ made by Rem Corson and Hugh Hathorn." (New Jersey Colonial Documents, Calendar of Wills, 1771-1780, page 585).

(Hook, page 100; Wardwell, pages 117-118; New Jersey Colonial Documents, Calendar of Wills, 1771-1780, page 585).

1. James: b October 24, 1717, in Cape May County, New Jersey; m 1740 Esther Hand (b March 25, 1726; d December 7, 1774, in her 49th year), the daughter of Recompense and Esther Hand; d after 1775. See next N.1.2.13.1.

2. Sarah: b October 10, 1719; m abt 1840 Townsend; d after 1775.

3. Massah: b abt 1722; m abt 1745 Townsend; d after 1775.

4. Jacob: b January 22, 1724.

5. Isaac: b October 11, 1727; m abt 1750; will dated September 26, 1775, and probated March 19, 1776. See next N.1.2.13.5.

6. Hannah: b May 3, 1730; m abt 1750 Darius Corson (b November 14, 1726), the son of Peter and Rachel Corson, Jr; d July 27, 1777.

7. Rachel: b 1737; m abt 1760 Sparks; d after 1775.

N.1.2.13.1
JAMES WILLETS and ESTHER HAND of Little Egg Harbor, New Jersey

James Willets was born on October 24, 1717, in Capr May County, New Jersey. He married in 1740 Esther Hand (b May 25, 1726; d December 7, 1774, in her 49th year), the daughter of Recompense and Esther Hand. His father gave him and his brother Isaac "that part of Peck's Beach which I bought of John Townsend and Richard Smith."

His will was written on January 10, 1775, and was proved on December 5, 1788.

> "Will of James Willets dated January 10, 1775, of Cape May County:
>
> To: son, James, plantation where he lives and ½ of the cedar swamp that I bought of Nathan Golden.
>
> To: son, Enoch, the plantation I bought of Nathan Golden, and the overplus lands I bought of Jacob Spicer; also 2 small lots of land that I bought of Benjamin Scull; also that land in Cumberland County that I bought for the use of a pond and mill dam; also the salt march I bought of Nathan Golden, in Gloucester County on the north side of Tuckaho River; also the salt marsh I bought of John Willets, Sr;
>
> To: sons, Enoch, Amos, and Nicholas, the other part of the cedar swamp that I gave to my son James;
>
> To: sons, Amos and Nicholas, my homestead plantation; also my rights of land on Pecks Beach;
>
> To: childre, James, Ester Wheaten, Martha Willets, Enoch, Amos, Rachel Willets, Sarah Willets, and Nicholas, moveable estate.
>
> Executors: Jonathan Hand and my brother, Isaac Willets, who are to be Guardinas of my children.
>
> Witnesses: John Willets, Hugh Hathorn, Elizabeth Hathorn.
>
> Proved December 5, 1788, by Elizabeth Watson, one of the witnesses" (New Jersey Colonial Documents, Calendar of Wills, 1771-1780, page 584).

1. John: b March 1, 1742; d 1772. See next N.1.2.13.1.1.

2. James, Jr: b July 11, 1744; m abt 1765 Rebecca Stillwell, the daughter of Nicholas and Sarah Stillwell; he was a Captain; d 1833, age 89.

3. Jacob: b January 10, 1750; d January 4, 1753 (Family Bible: Tomlin).

4. Esther: b January 21, 1752; m October 24, 1768, Joseph Wheaten; d January 6, 1844, age 91 years, 11 months, and 15 days.

5. Martha: b March 28, 1754.

6. Enoch: b January 9, 1757; never married. See next N.1.2.13.1.6.

7. Amos: b March 10, 1759; a patriot; he was captured by the "refugees" (i. e. Loyalists) at Cranbury Beach; he died aboard the prison hospital ship Huntress in New York harbor; administration of his estate was granted to his father Enoch Willets.

8. Rachel: b August 1, 1762; m October 26, 1778 P. Corson (b January 23, 1760; d February 27, 1843); d July 14, 1801.

9. Sarah: b January 16, 1765; m abt 1785 Joseph Edwards (b 1753; d March 14, 1845); d January 9, 1833, age 67 years, 11 months, and 23 days.

10. Nicholas: b April 10, 1769; m abt 1790 Experience Griffing (b 1771; d July 17, 1847); d October 8, 1825, age 56 years, 6 months, and 29 days.

N.1.2.13.1.1
JOHN WILLETS of Upper Precinct, Cape May County, New Jersey

John Willets was born on March 1, 1742. He resided in the Upper Precinct, Cape May County, New Jersey. He drowned in 1772 (Family Bible in the possession of Mrs. J. C. Tomlin of Westville, New Jersey).

He mentioned his father, James, and his mother, Esther; and designated his brother, James, as executor. Jacob and Isaac Willets, his uncles (probably), and Jeremiah Smith, were witnesses (Hook, page 100).

N.1.2.13.1.6
ENOCH WILLETS of Cape May County, New Jersey

Enoch Willets was born on January 9, 1757. He was a ship's captain in the Revolutionary War. He is most likely the Enoch Willets who captured 2 loyalist or British ships, 1 at Little Egg Harbor, and the other at Squan Inlet, about April, 1783.

He was the administrator of his brother, Amos', estate on October 25, 1780.

> In the first ship, "The crew had mutinied and taken the vessel into Little Egg Harbor where she struck a bar. Cargo off loaded unto a scow, and transported up river to Chestnut Neck. Scow captured in evening by Tories who took it to Osborn Island, six miles distant. Upon investigating, Willets' vessel pursued the Tories, who left behind 3 wagons being pulled by 10 horses, and the goods removed from the scow. The goods and horses (were) condemned as lawful prize and sold.
>
> The other incident occurred with a Refugee boat with a six pounder on its stern carrying hardware, dry goods, and rum. Upon returning to Cape May, Captain Willits (was) informed that peace had been declared between the United States and Great Britain."

Enoch never married.

N.1.2.13.5

ISAAC WILLETS of Upper Precinct, Cape May County, New Jersey

Isaac Willets was born on October 11, 1727, in Cape May County, New Jersey. He married about 1750. His will is dated September 26, 1775.

> "Will of Isaac Willets dated September 26, 1775, of Upper Precinct, Cape May County, New Jersey:
>
> To: son, Isaac, the salt marsh that I bought of Jacob Garretson, lying in Gloucester County and contains 10 acres; also 2 acres of cedar swamp, on the uppermost part of that tract, on the northwest side of the Cedar swamp creek, in Cape May County;
>
> To: son, Jacob, my homestead and tracts adjoining;
>
> To: son Hope, that land in Cape May County called the Old Field which adjoins Nicholas Stillwell (Hope is not of age);
>
> To: sons, Jacob and Hope, all the beach that I own, when 18.
>
> To: son, Jonathan, £ 150 that is due from my son Isaac; or if Isaac choose, he may give to Jonathan title to ½ of the plantation where Isaac lives in Cumberland County when Jonathan is 21. My son, Jonathan, is not yet 14 years of age, and I make my son Jacob his Guardian.
>
> Executors: Joseph Edwards of Cape May, and my son Jacob.
>
> Witnesses: Hugh Hathorn, Samuel Garretson, Stephen Young.
>
> Proved March 19, 1776.
>
> Inventory January 26, 1776: £ 1,191.10.4 made by John Golden and Hugh Hathorn" (New Jersey Colonial Documents, Calendar of Wills, 1771-1780, page 584).

1. Isaac: b abt 1752; resided in Cumberland County, New Jersey.
2. Jacob: b abt 1753.
3. Phebe: b before 1756 (between 1757-1775).
4. Hope: b abt 1757 (between 1754-1775).
5. Jonathan b abt 1762 (between 1761-1775).

N.1.4

RICHARD WILLETS of Jericho, Nassau County, Long Island

Richard Willets was born on December 25, 1660, at Hempstead, (presently Nassau County, New York). By virtue of his birth, he was technically a Dutchman. However, both he and his father probably never considered themselves to be Dutch. And the English took New Amsterdam in 1664, and renamed it New York. Captain Thomas Willett (no relation) of the Plymouth Colony was the first English Mayor. The Dutch retook New York, but held it only briefly. Richard Willets' father died when he was four, and his mother became an ardent Quaker. Later in life he was known as a "Husbandman" of Jericho.

The majority of the family in the next generation spelled their name Willits.

> "In one of the records, this Richard Willits and his 7 children, the name is twice written Willetts, and twice Willets, and 5 times Willits, but always with the final s which seems to be distinctive of this family" (Cornell, page 239).

Richard lived with his widowed mother until he was 25. He was raised as a Quaker in the Society of Friends. Richard married 1st at Flushing, Long Island, on March 25, 1686, Abigail Bowne (b February 5, 1662; d June 16, 1688), the daughter of John and Abigail (Feeke) Bowne. Richard and Abigail were destinied to have a short life together.

> "Until the 24th of the 11th month following (their marriage), when she bare me a daughter, and I call her Hannah, and we enjoyed each other in great love until the 4th month, 1688, and the Lord took her to himself and I, Richard Willits, was left a sorrowful man with a motherless babe."

Although Richard Willets expressed his sorrow and grief exceeding well, he remarried in less than 2 years. He married 2d at Huntington, Suffolk County, Long Island, on May 15, 1690, Abigail Powell (b June 18, 1668; d November 2, 1757), the daughter of Thomas Powell of Bethpage. At a Quaker wedding of this time period, everyone who witnessed the wedding signed the marriage certificate. Richard's marriage license was signed by 26 Friends, among them were Thomas and Dinah Willets, Hope Willets, and William Willis.

Richard Willets died at Jericho in the 3rd month, 14th, 1703, in his 42d year. His widow survived him for 54 years, and died on September 2, 1757. She always remained faithful and active in the Quaker religion. Richard's mother was also widowed early and remained a widow throughout the rest of her life. Great unanimity seems to have existed between the two widows, (mother-in-law) Mary, and (daughter-in-law) Abigail, during their long widowhood.

The record says, "died Abigail Willets, in her 90th year, having seen her granddaughter's grandchild. She had lived a widow upwards 50 years, in good esteem, and with a sober and religious character among Friends, and died in good unity."

> Will of Abigail Willets of Jericho, dated June 12, 1757, proved October 25, 1757: I will and bequeath unto my three daughters, Abigail

Willis, Martha Valentine, and Phebe Dodge, my wearing apparel of all sorts to be equally divided between them.

I will and bequeath unto my daughter, Abigail Willis, three of my silver spoons; to Martha Valentine, three of my silver spoons. I will to my granddaughters, Elizabeth Hewlett, Phebe Doty, and Ann Williams, each of them one silver spoon; to my grandsons, Adam Mott, and Stephen Mott, each of then one silver spoon. To my grandson, Richard Willetts of Jericho, my couch and great table at Jericho, in his possession. Unto my granddaughter, Mary Seaman, wife of David Seaman, my great iron pot, one pair of andirons, and my spit, all in her possession.

I will to my four granddaughters, to wit, Elizabeth the wife of Jonathan Seaman, Elizabeth Willis the wife of John Willis, Esther the wife of Samuel Way, and Ann Williams the daughter of Thomas Williams, deceased, to each of them, one silver spoon. I will to my grandchildren, that is the children of my deceased daughter, Mary Williams, as much of my estate, as to be equal in value, with the fourth part of the value of my close, and the value of one of my silver porringers, to be equally divided amongst them all, as fully as if named.

I will to my daughter, Abigail Willis, one of my silver porringers. I will to my daughter, Mary Valentine, one of my silver porringers. I will to my three grandchildren, Elizabeth Willis, Adam Mott, and Stephen Mott, the other silver porringer. To my daughter, Martha Valentine, my Bible, and my pye pan. I will and bequeath the remainder of my estate, that is, my silver tankard and all the money I have out at interest, and all debts due to me and all other estate whatsoever to be equally divided, that is to my daughter Abigail, 1 fourth part; to my daughter Martha, 1 fourth part; to the children of my deceased daughter, Mary Williams, the equal fourth part to be equally divided amongst them; and the other fourth part I will, to my three grandchildren, Elizabeth Willis, Adam Mott, and Stephen Mott, to be equally divided amongst them.

I appoint my son-in-law, Obadiah Valentine and John Willis to be my executors of this my last will and testament.

Abigail Willets

Witnesses: Nathaniel Seaman, Jr., Richard Townsend, Richard Townsend, Jnr.

Nathaniel Seaman, a Quaker was duly affirmed; Richard Townsend, Jnr. was duly sworn.

(Bookstaver, page 103; Powell, pages 93-95).

1. Hannah: b January (11th month) 24, 1687; m outside the Quaker faith "by the assistance of a Priest" in 1710 Job Carr. Wait Powell and John Fry, her uncles, attended her marriage; they were spoken to for this infraction of Quaker discipline; d 1727.

2. Abigail: b February (12th month) 27, 1691; m 1714 John Willis (b April 15, 1693, in Westbury, New York; they were active Quakers at Westbury; d May 9, 1777, at Jericho, Long Island.

1. Phebe Willis: b March 24, 1715; m 1740 John Post; d January 15, 1751.

2. Richard Willis: b December 30, 1716; m August 25, 1742, Elizabeth Pine; d September 20, 1784.

3. Elizabeth Willis: b March 4, 1719; m abt 1740 Jonathan Seaman; d 1777.

4. William Willis: b May 23, 1720; m 1754 Mary Townsend; d Januray 9, 1779.

5. John Willis: b June 5, 1726; m August 26, 1749, Margaret Cornell; d January 3, 1814.

6. Stephen Willis: b October 13, 1726; m December 26, 1762, Sarah Smith.

3. Mary: b March (1st month), 16, 1693; m 1st outside of the Quaker faith in 1710 Henry Scudder (d 1715); Wait Powell and John Fry, her uncles, attended her marriage; they were spoken to for this infraction of Quaker discipline; m 2d 1717 Thomas Williams; d February 25, 1750.

1. Ann Williams: b abt 1720.

4. Martha: b January (11th month) 24, 1695, at Jericho, Long Island; m October 22, 1715, Obediah Valentine; d 1763?

5. Jacob: b June (4th month) 6, 1697, at Jericho, Long Island; m at Flushing, Long Island, in 1717 Mary Jackson, the daughter of James Jackson and Rebecca Hallett; d 1722. See next N.1.4.5.

6. Phebe: b April (2d month) 13, 1699; became a minister among Friends; m 1st 1713 Adam Mott the younger (d 1739); m 2d Tristam Dodge (d 1760); d September 7, 1782.

1. Adam Mott: b abt 1733.

2. Stephen Mott: b abt 1735.

7. Elizabeth: b June (4th month) 27, 1701, at Jericho, Long Island; d February 25, 1722, unmarried.

N.1.4.5

JACOB WILLITS and MARY JACKSON of Jericho, Nassau County, New York

Jacob Willits was born on April 6, 1697, at Jericho, in Nassau County, Long Island. He was a farmer and resided at Jericho. He married at Flushing on December 26, 1717, Mary Jackson, the daughter of James and Rebecca (Hallett) Jackson of Flushing, and the granddaughter of Colonel John and Elizabeth (Seaman) Jackson, and of William and Sarah (Woolsey) Hallett.

John Willets conveyed land in Jericho on April 9, 1719, to James Springer. Jacob died on April 20, 1722, at the age of 25.

(Bookstaver, pages 103-104; Bunker, page 90; Powell, page 90; Wardwell, page 118).

1. Richard: b September 28, 1718; m 1st July 7, 1743, Ruth Willets (b October 16, 1718), the daughter of Amos and Rebecca (Whitson) Willets; m 2d Mrs. Phebe Powell; d December 9, 1787. See next N.1.4.5.1.

2. Mary: b 1721; m February 12, 1737, David Seaman, Jr., the son of David Seaman. Mary (Willits) Seaman received from her grandmother, Abigail (Powell) Willits' estate in 1757, a "great iron pot, one pair of andirons, and my spit, all in her possession."

N.1.4.5.1
RICHARD WILLITS of Jericho, Nassau County, Long Island

Richard Willits was born on September 28, 1718, at Jericho, Nassau County, Long Island. He married 1st July 7, 1743, Ruth Willets (b October 16, 1718), the daughter of Amos and Rebecca (Whitson) Willets, and granddaughter of Thomas and Dinah (Townsend) Willets. In 1757, Richard Willits received from the estate of his grandmother, Abigail (Powell) Willits, a "couch and my great table at Jericho, in his possession."

He married 2d Mrs. Phebe Powell. He died on December 9, 1797.

(Bookstaver, page 104; Bunker, pages 90-91; Powell, pages 90-91).

1. Jacob: b June 8, 1744; m abt 1765 Martha Williams (d February 20, 1823), the daughter of John and Elizabeth Williams; d February 20, 1823. See next N.1.4.5.1.1.

2. Mary: b June 27, 1746; died young.

3. Richard: b August 20, 1748; resided in Jericho, and farmed; m abt 1769 Abigail Seaman (b December 2, 1749; d May 18, 1803), the daughter of Samuel and Martha (Valentine) Seaman, and the granddaughter of Nathaniel and Rachel (Willis) Seaman, and of Obadiah and Martha (Willets) Valentine. See next N.1.4.5.1.3.

4. James: b February 21, 1751; died young.

5. Amos: b April 21, 1754; m 1st abt 1775 Phebe Powell, the daughter of Joshua and Phebe (Post) Powell of Bethpage; m 2d Mrs. Elizabeth Birdsall Jackson Downing, late the widow of James Downing; d December 21, 1831. See next N.1.4.5.1.5.

6. Thomas: b April 7, 1757; d 1758.

7. Sarah: b October 23, 1759; d January 27, 1779.

8. Richard: b abt 1762; m 2d 1786 Mrs. Phebe Powell, the widow of Joshua Powell; d 1787.

N.1.4.5.1.1
JACOB WILLITS and MARTHA WILLIAMS of Jericho, Long Island

Jacob Willits was born on June 8, 1744. He married about 1765 Martha Williams (d February 20, 1823), the daughter of John and Elizabeth Williams. Jacob died on February 20, 1823.

(Bookstaver, page 104; Bunker, page 91; Powell, page 91).

1. Mary: b October 22, 1768.

2. Ruth: b June 24, 1770.

3. Elizabeth: b December 25, 1771; m abt 1795 Rushmore; no issue; d 1836.

4. Martha: b September 19, 1774; m abt 1800 Obediah Willits, as his 3d wife.

5. Williams: b October 16, 1780; m 1835, Phoebe Underhill, the daughter of Richard Underhill; no issue.

6. Jacob: b June 14, 1784; m abt 1805 his cousin Abigail Willits, the daughter of Obadiah and Elizabeth (Robbins) Willits. See next N.1.4.5.1.1.5.

7. Phebe: b September 10, 1788; m June 14, 1810? David Ketchum, the son of David and Jane Ketchum.

N.1.4.5.1.1.5
JACOB WILLITS and ABIGAIL WILLITS of Long Island, New York

Jacob Willits was born on June 14, 1784. He married about 1805 his cousin, Abigail Willits, the daughter of Obadiah and Elizabeth (Robbins) Willits (N.1.4.5.1.3.2).
(Bookstaver, page 105; Bunker, page 91; Powell, page 91).

1. Mary: b abt 1807.

2. Phoebe: b abt 1810.

3. Martha: b abt 1812; m Townsend Jackson.

4. Caroline: b abt 1815.

5. Ruth: b abt 1817.

6. Elizabeth: b abt 1820.

7. William: b abt 1822; m abt 1845 Fanny Hewlett, the daughter of Isreal Hewlett. See next N.1.4.5.1.1.5.7.

N.1.4.5.1.1.5.7
WILLIAM WILLITS and FANNY HEWLETT of Long Island, New York

William Willits was born about 1822. He married about 1845 Fanny Hewlett, the daughter of Isreal Hewlett. (Bookstaver, page 107; Powell, page 91).

1. Elizabeth: b abt 1850.

2. Frederick: b abt 1852.

3. Annie:

4. Mary: b abt 1856; a graduate of Swarthmore College, Pennsylvania.

5. Alice:

6. Martha:

N.1.4.5.1.3
RICHARD WILLITS and ABIGAIL SEAMAN of Jericho, Nassau County, New York

Richard Willits was born on August 20, 1748, at Jericho, Nassau County, Long Island. He was a farmer who married about 1768 Abigail Seaman (b December 2, 1749; d May 18, 1803), the daughter of Samuel and Martha (Valentine) Seaman, and the granddaughter of Nathaniel and Rachel (Willis) Seaman, and Obadiah and Martha (Willets) Valentine.
(Bookstaver, pages 104-105; Bunker, pages 91-92; Powell, pages 91-92).

1. James: b October 3, 1770; d November 8, 1776, age 6.

2. Obadiah: b February 28, 1772; m 1st abt 1805 Elizabeth Robbins (b August 20, 1788; d 1815), the daughter of Jacob Robbins; m 2d abt 1820 Mrs. Phoebe (Downing) Dodge, widow; d 1842. See next N.1.4.5.1.3.2.

3. Richard: b May 28, 1774, at Jericho, Nassau County, Long Island; a farmer who married 1st April 30, 1800, Mary Seaman (b May 10, 1783; d December 30, 1805), the daughter of Gideon Seaman; m 2d Mary Titus (b February 13, 1783; d November 1, 1869), the daughter of Samuel and Abigail (Robbins) Titus, and the granddaughter of Peter and Mary (Scudder) Titus, and of Jeremiah and Hannah (Carr) Robbins. See next N.1.4.5.1.3.3.

4. Martha: b November 26, 1776; m abt 1800 Simeon Loines; d April 18, 1850.

N.1.4.5.1.3.2
OBADIAH WILLITS of Long Island, New York

Obadiah Willits was born on February 28, 1772. He married 1st about 1805 Elizabeth Robbins (b August 20, 1788; d 1815), the daughter of Jacob Robbins.
He married 2d about 1820 Mrs. Phoebe (Downing) Dodge, widow. Obadiah died in 1842.
(Bookstaver, pages 105-106; Bunker, page 92; Powell, page 92).

1. Richard R: b February 26, 1808; he was married.

2. Abigail: b November 3, 1809; m abt 1830 Jacob Willits, the son of Jacob Willits.

3. Mary R: b February 26, 1812; m abt 1835 Edmond Kirby.

4. Elizabeth: b March 28, 1814; m abt 1835 William Robbins.

5. Hannah: b abt 1820; m abt 1840 Jordon Underhill.

6. Jacob: b abt 1824.

7. Charles: b May 17, 1826; m twice.

N.1.4.5.1.3.3
RICHARD WILLITS of Glen Cove, Nassau County, Long Island

Richard Willits was born on May 28, 1774, at Jericho, Nassau County, Long Island. He was a farmer who married 1st April 30, 1800, Mary Seaman (b May 10, 1783; d December 30, 1805), the daughter of Gideon Seaman.

He married 2d Mary Titus (b February 13, 1783; d November 1, 1869), the daughter of Samuel and Abigail (Robbins) Titus, and the granddaughter of Peter and Mary (Scudder) Titus, and of Jeremiah and Hannah (Carr) Robbins.

Richard died at Glen Cove, Nassau County, Long Island, on December 11, 1840.

(Bookstaver, page 106; Bunker, page 92; Powell, page 92; Willits, page 90; Colonial Revolutionary Families in Pennsylvania, Volume II, Jordan, 1948, page 670).

1. Edward S: b September 22, 1803; m 1st abt 1825 Esther Whitson; m 2d Amy Whitson, both were daughters of Abraham Whitson; they resided at Westbury, Nassau County, Long Island. See next N.1.4.5.1.3.3.1.

2. Ann: b July 18, 1806; died young.

3. James: b October 6, 1813, at Westbury, Nassau County, Long Island; m November 23, 1837, Anna Titus (b November 1, 1812; d May 11, 1882), the daughter of Henry and Phoebe (Titus) Titus, and granddaughter of Daniel and Amy (Willets) Titus, and of Joshua and Hannah (Titus) Titus. See next N.1.4.5.1.3.3.3.

4. Henry: b Novmber 22, 1815.

5. Martha: b January 16, 1819.

6. Mary: b February 10, 1822.

N.1.4.5.1.3.3.1
EDWARD WILLITS of Westbury, Nassau County, Long Island

Edward S. Willits was born on September 22, 1803. He married 1st abt 1825 Esther Whitson. He married 2d Amy Whitson; both were daughters of Abraham Whitson; they resided at Westbury, Nassau County, Long Island. (Colonial Revolutionary Families in Pennsylvania, Volume II, page 670).

1. Richard: b abt 1827.

2. Rachel: b abt 1830.

3. Mary: b abt 1832.

4. Abraham: b abt 1835.

5. William: b abt 1837.

N.1.4.5.1.3.3.3
JAMES WILLITS and ANNA TITUS of Glen Cove, Nassau County, Long Island

James Willits was born on October 6, 1813, at Westbury, Nassau County, Long Island. He married on November 23, 1837, Anna Titus (b November 1, 1812; d May 11, 1882), the daughter of Henry and Phoebe (Titus) Titus, and granddaughter of Daniel and Amy (Willets) Titus, and of Joshua and Hannah (Titus) Titus.

He was a farmer of Glen Cove; he died at Glen Cove on May 1, 1882.

(Bookstaver, apge 107).

1. Frederick Everett: b 1846 at Glen Cove, Nassau County, Long Island; m abt 1870 Anna Willits. See next N.1.4.5.1.3.3.3.1.

N.1.4.5.1.3.3.3.1
FREDERICK EVERETT WILLITS and ANNA TITUS
of Glen Cove, Nassau County, Long Island

Frederick Everett Willits was born in 1846 at Glen Cove, Nassau County, Long Island. About 1870, he married Anna Willits, the daughter of William and Mary (Valentine) Willits, and granddaughter of Isaac and Amy (Underhill) Willits, and of Jacob and Martha (Titus) Valentine.

Frederick was a farmer; later he became a vice-president of the Glen Cove Bank. He was also a Treasurer of the Glen Cove Mutual Insurance Company and sometime supervisor of the township of Oysterbay.

(Bookstaver, pages 102, 107; Willits, page 90).

1. Everett: b abt 1872.

2. Frederick: b abt 1875.

3. Martha: b abt 1877.

4. Elizabeth: b abt 1880.

5. James: b abt 1882.

N.1.4.5.1.5
AMOS WILLITS of Long Island, New York

Amos Willits was born on April 21, 1754. He married 1st about 1775 Phebe Powell, the daughter of Joshua and Phebe (Post) Powell of Bethpage. He married 2d Mrs. Elizabeth Birdsall Jackson Downing, late the widow of James Downing.

Amos Willits died on December 21, 1831.

(Bookstaver, page 105; Powell, page 93).

1. Hannah: b August 26, 1775; m 1797 Thomas Whitson; no issue.

2. Joshua: b October 21, 1780; m abt 1800 Sarah Robbins, the daughter of Henry Robbins. (Bookstaver, page 106).

    1. Phebe: b abt 1802.

    2. William: b abt 1805.

    3. Amos: b abt 1807.

    4. Sarah: b abt 1810.

    5. Joshua: b abt 1812.

3. Sarah: b abt 1782; m abt 1805 Dr. Morris M. Roger.

    1. Charles Roger: b abt 1810; m Sarah Hicks.

    2. Amos Roger: b abt 1812; m Caroline Hicks.

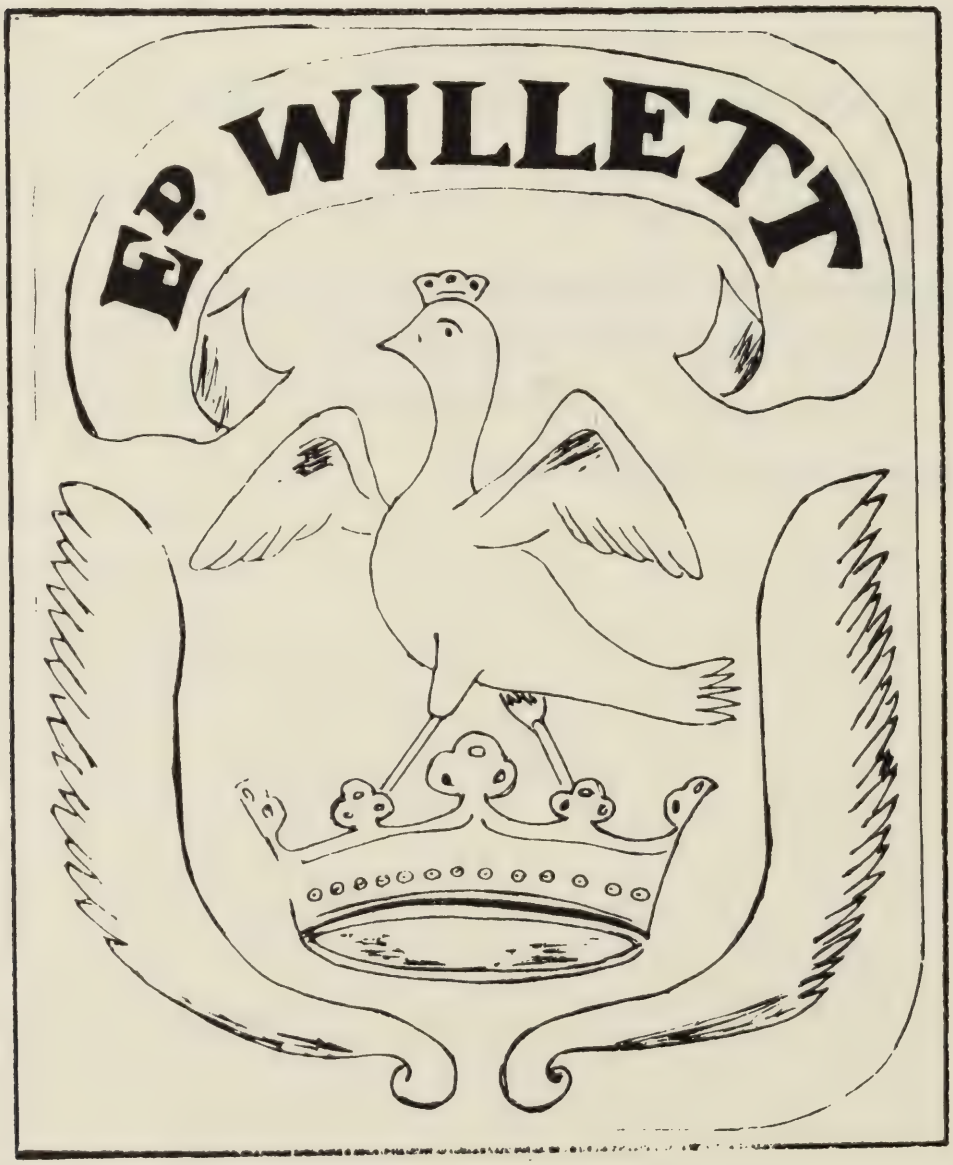
4. Martha: b abt 1785; m Isaac Sherwood.

CHAPTER FIFTEEN
EDWARD WILLETT OF PRINCE GEORGES COUNTY, MARYLAND

0.1
EDWARD WILLETT, Sr., and TABITHA MILLS of Prince Georges County, Maryland

Edward Willett was born about 1658, in England, and possibly in or around London. When he was about 14 years of age, he began studing the pewterer's trade. After an apprenticeship of about 7 years he earned the right to be a craftsman.

"In 1681, at the age of 23, Edward Willett was given leave to strike his touch mark, and become a pewterer. He was given leave to strike his touch mark in the Pewterer's Hall of London in 1684/85" (Older Pewter, Cottrell, page 337).



His mark number was 5161. Guilds were closed associations in England. Usually, only the son of a guild member could gain entry into the guild. Thus, it is possible that Edward Willett, apprentice, could be the son of Richard Willett, Pewterer, of London. Richard Willett received his mark in 1660 (Donnelly, page 4).

> "Edward Willett is not found in the yeomanry list for the Pewterers of London. This means, he never set up a shop" (Donnelly, page 4).

No record of an Edward Willett has been found in the Maryland Hall of Records who was transported to Maryland. A William Willett is mentioned as being transported in 1668. A Jone (sic; John? or Joan?) was transported in 1677; and a Mary Willett came in 1678 (Land Office Index to Early Settlers 1663-1680, Hall of Records, Annapolis, Maryland, Liber 15, Folio 359, 430, 517). What became of these three earlier Willetts is unknown.

> "By, 1692, Edward Willett is known to be living on the Patuxent River in the Province of Maryland. His pewter business was no doubt slight in the limited population near Mount Calvert. Edward, who studied in London, is ranked among the earliest of American Pewters by Laughlin in his book The Pewterers of the South" (Donnelly, page 4).

> "No pewter bearing the touch of Edward Willett has been found to date" (Donnelly, page 4).

> "The Coat of Arms was sometimes used as an inscription on the pewterer's touch. Towards the end of the 17th censtury, the touches appear with makers names. Edward Willett incorporated both of these practices in his touch" (Donnelly, page 5).

Edward Willett probably also worked in silver. His name, along with William and Mary Willett, appear in both the Guide to American Pewter, by Carl Jacobs, and Handbook of American Silver and Pewter Marks. His son, Charles, appears in Cottrell as a smith, with his mark. Although Charles is not mentioned in his father's will (he predeceased him by a decade), he was his first child.

Edward was in the "New Scotland" settlement in Maryland in 1692. At this time, he was associated with Colonel Ninian Beall and the Reverend Nathaniel Taylor. He must have been well educated and a man of some standing in the Episcoplaioan Community. As in 1692, he was the Clerk of the Vestry of St. Paul's Parish, Church of England (an Episcopalian Church which was established at Charles Town in Calvert County before 1695. St. Paul's Parish was in Prince Georges County after 1696, and now is in the District of Columbia.

He was also a clerk of the court. In 1696, his signature, as one of the civil officers of the colony, appears on a letter sent to the King "addressing your Majesty and Joyning with the rest of your Loyall Subjects in gratulating your deliverance from the horrid assassination against your sacred person" (Donnelly, page 7). Also, in 1696, there is the record of his purchase of land near the town of Marlboro from his neighbor, Colonel Ninian Beall.

It must have been about this time, or maybe as late as 1698, that Edward Willett

married Tabitha Mills (b abt 1660) in Prince Georges County, Province of Maryland. The fact that Edward witnessed Colonel Beall's will, and that he named one of his sons Ninian, shows that he was a close friend or relative of Colonel Beall.

In 1702, Edward and Tabitha bought 157 acres (part of a tract called "The Horse Race") from Jacob Regnier, Esquire, of Lincolnshire, county Middlesex, England. They paid £ 150 for it.

In 1719, Edward Willett of Prince Georges County bought land of Hugh Riley of the same county (Land Record Book E, page 822).

In 1728, Edward Willett, now called Senior and Planter, still of Prince Georges County gave for natural love and affection to his well-beloved son, Ninian Willett, of same parish and county "all that plantation, piece, parcel, and tract of land now in the tenor and occupation of said Ninian Willett ... on the west side of the Patuxent River ... containing 100 acres of land." On the same day, Edward gave Edward Willett, Jr., 60 acres of land on the west side of the Paxtuxent River on which the latter lived. It would seem that Edward Willett, Senior, was saving the home plantation for his son Charles. (However, there is some doubt that Charles is his son). Charles Willett died in 1739, and neither his wife or children are mentioned in Edward Willett, Senior's, will (Watson, page 17).

Edward Willett, Senior, died on June 16, 1743.

His will of December 14, 1743, was proved February 7, 1744/45, in Prince Georges County, Maryland. In it are named his wife Tabitha; sons Ninian, Edward, Thomas, William, and James; and his daughter Ann Swain.

To: each of his eldest sons, Ninian and Edward, he left 5 shillings and the tract of land he made over to each by a deed of gift some years earlier.

To: Thomas received "Lick Hill."

To: William received "Beal's Craft" 43 acres, and 87 acres of "Bealington," being where I now live.

To: James received all the remaining tracts of land called "Bealington" along with his brothers, Edward and William.

To: Ann Swan received "Rylet's Plains" adjoining Culbert Anderson (172 acres), and also an acre I bought of Stodart in the Town of Calvert.

To: Thomas, William, James and Ann together went the tracts "Little Dear" which he had bought of Ephraim Beal.

Executor: William Willett.

Witnesses: James Gibson, William Harper; and Edward Risten.

(Donnelly, page 1-27; Watson, pages 17-18).

"The original will (Box 6:53) of Edward Willett of Prince Georges County, Maryland, is still in existence in the Hall of Records, Annapolis, Maryland, and carries his seal. The seal bears the imprint of a crown with a bird over it."

(Donnelly, page 1; Watson, pages 17-26).

1. Charles: b abt 1698; a silversmith; m abt 1720 Mary Cawood; d 1739. See next O.1.1.

2. Bridged: b July 18, 1699, at Mount Calvert, Maryland.

3. Ninian: b September 30, 1701; in 1771, Ninian Willett of Frederick County, Maryland, bought of Evan Jones, of same, 20 acres known as "Bedfordshire Carrier." He paid £ 5 for it (Frederick County, Maryland, Deed Book O, page 133); d 1773. See next O.1.3.

4. Edward: b January 12, 1703, in Prince Georges County, Maryland; m 1st Mary Harben; m 2d Mrs. Grace (Bruton) Letton; d 1772, in Frederick Count, Maryland. See next O.1.1.4.

5. Thomas: b August 9, 1708; m Isabella Allison (b abt 1706), the daughter of John Allison, Sr; resided in Frederick County, Maryland; d 1759. See next O.1.5.

6. James: b abt 1710; m abt 1735 Eleanor Ogle; d after 1762. See next O.1.6.

7. William: b abt 1712 at "Bealington"; m 1737 Mary Griffith; d 1772. See next O.1.7.

8. Ann: abt 1713; m James Swain (Swan), a cooper; was bequeathed, by her father, 172 acres called "Ryley's Plains" and a town lot in Mount Calvert; d 1769?

O.1.1
CHARLES WILLETT and MARY CAWOOD of Prince Georges County, Maryland

Charles Willett was born about 1698 in Maryland. He learned the trade of silversmith; most likely he was taught by his father. He married about 1720 Mary Cawood (b abt 1696? d 1737), the daughter of Stephen Cawood. It is thought by Sister Mary Louise Donnelly that Charles Willett may have been a brother to Edward Willett, Sr., instead of a son (Donnelly, page 1). However, Charles is usually listed by other researchers as a son. He predeceased his father by at least 5 years; so it is only natural that he is seldom mentioned in the family records, or in his father's will.

Charles' father-in-law, Stephen Cawood, died in 1735.

> "Stephen Cawood, Jr., of Charles County, Maryland, in his will of 1735, names children John, William, Stephen, Ann, Thomas, Mary Willett, Hester Robinson, and Penelope Roby" (Donnelly, page 1).

A little later, Mary Cawood, widow of Stephen, sold for 5 shillings and also for natural love and affection, a negro girl, Jenny, to her son-in-law, Ralph Roby and Penelope, his wife. And to her daughter, Mary Willett, the wife of Charles, she sold the 2d child of Jenny (Donnelly, page 2).

Charles Willett died in December, 1737.

> Charles Willett, will dated November 4, 1737, names minor children Charles Cawood, Mary, Elizabeth, Richard, George, and Benjamin.
>
> Witnesses: Edward and Tabitha Willett.
>
> "In his inventory, Edward and Tabitha are named as next of kin" (Donnelly, page 1).

1. Charles Cawood: b 1722; m abt 1745; d intestate 1765. The inventory of his estate was made by his brother, Richard Willett, on June 10, 1767.

    1. Charles: b abt 1745; d September 19, 1782, in the American Revolution.

2. Mary: b abt 1723; m abt 1745 William Nichols.

3. Elizabeth: b abt 1724.

4. Richard: b abt 1725; m abt 1755 Sarah Ann Grant; d April 20, 1813. See next O.1.1.4.

5. George: b abt 1727.

6. Benjamin: b abt 1729.

O.1.1.4
RICHARD WILLETT and SARAH ANN GRANT of Charles County, Maryland

Richard Willett was born about 1725, probably in Charles County, Maryland. He married about 1740 Sarah Ann Grant, the daughter of James Grant. They bought land from John Smallwood in Charles County, Maryland, on March 1, 1775. The tract was known as "Friendship" and consisted of 66 acres of land.

Richard Willett and his brother, George, appear in the 1775-1778 census of Charles County. At this time they were living at Port Tobacco Hundred. Richard died on April 20, 1813. (Donnelly, page 2).

1. Charles: b 1742 in Charles County, Maryland; m Martha Elliott Wallingford; d March 15, 1831, in Mason County, Kentucky. See next O.1.1.4.1.

O.1.1.4.1
CHARLES WILLETT and MARTHA ELLIOTT WALLINGFORD
of Charles County, Maryland, and Mason County, Kentucky

Charles Willett was born in 1742 in Charles County, Maryland. He married in Washington County, Maryland, about 1765, Martha Elliott Wallingford (b 1757, probably in Fauquier County, Virginia; d before 1836 in Maysville, Mason County, Kentucky), the daughter of Benjamin Wallingford (III) and Prudence Elliot.

Charles Willett was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. He was drafted on June 11, 1781, in Charles County, Maryland, and served under John H. Stone in the 5th Company, 3d Regiment, Maryland, Continental Line.

Charles and Martha came to Kentucky about 1799. On June 23, 1804, Charles Willett purchased land on the "waters of Limestone Creek." (This land is off Highway 10, across from the Maysville Cemetery. There is a family cemetery on the property, now known as the Duke Farm. This old Willett cemetery has 14 marked graves, and possibly other unmarked graves. This old family cemetery is overgrown, neglected, and difficult to find).

Charles built a substantial house on his property. It survived until about the 1870s when it was destroyed by fire. Charles Willett died on April 15, 1831, age 89, in Mason County, Kentucky, and is buried in one of the Andrew Duke Farm Cemeteries (in the old Willett Family cemetery).

1. George: b October 18, 1773, in Virginia; m in Virginia on February 20, 1795, Rachel; resided in Mason County, Kentucky; d November 9, 1842, in Fleming County, Kentucky; they are both buried in the Gilead Baptist Cemetery, Mason County, Kentucky. See next O.1.1.4.1.1.

2. Nancy: b 1774 in Berkely County, (now West) Virginia; m 1794, her cousin, Richard Willett (b March 11, 1775; d 1847); they resided in Mason County, Kentucky; d April 20, 1864, age 91 in Mason County, Kentucky. See next O.1.1.4.1.2.

3. Prudence Elliott: b September 12, 1777, in Virginia; m February 1, 1799, in Mason County, Kentucky, John Wallingford (b 1780; d 1833, age 53) of Mason County, Kentucky; d September 23, 1861, in Fleming County, Kentucky. She and her husband are buried in the family cemetery in a pasture which they owned.

1. Joseph Wallingford: b abt 1800.

2. Sallie Wallingford: b abt 1802.

3. Clarissa Wallingford: b abt 1805.

4. Nancy Wallingford: b abt 1807.

5. Daniel Perry Wallingford: b abt 1809.

6. Walker Wallingford: b abt 1810.

7. William Payne Wallingford: b abt 1812.

8. Chloe Ann Wallingford: b 1813; d 1833.

4. James Wallingford: b July 15, 1781; m abt 1805 Nancy; resided in Mason County, Kentucky; d February 26, 1866. Both are buried in the Mount Gilead Baptist Cemetery, Mason County, Kentucky.

1. Chloe Ann: b 1816; died accidently from a fall from a horse in 1839; buried at Mt. Gilead. Her stone reads: "Therefore be ye also ready/ For in such an hour/ As ye think not, The/ Son of Man cometh."

5. Sallie: b abt 1785; m in Mason County, Kentucky, on February 11, 1803, Noble Grines; resided in Mason County, Kentucky; d 1831.

6. Charles (II): b 1789 in Virginia; m in Mason County, Kentucky, on June 7, 1812, Martha Thompson. See next O.1.1.4.1.6.

7. Chloe Ann: b 1790 in Virginia; m in Mason County, Kentucky, November 18, 1816, Joseph Powers (b 1796; d July 24, 1859); resided in Mason County, Kentucky; d December 25, 1853, in Mason County, Kentucky. Both are buried in one of the Andrew Duke Farm Cemeteries.

1. Martha A. Powers: b 1831; d April 30, 1853, unmarried.

8. Benjamin: b 1788 in Virginia; m abt 1810 Frances Fristal; resided in Mason County, Kentucky; d March, 1854, probably in Fleming County, Kentucky. See next O.1.1.4.1.8.

9. Mary (Polly) M: b 1790; m in Mason County, Kentucky, on August 24, 1817, Thomas Hopkins; resided in Mason County, Kentucky.

10. Elizabeth: b 1792; m in Mason County, Kentucky, on February 24, 1805, Solomon Froman; d before 1831.

11. John W: b 1798; m abt 1820 Mary Rose; in 1844, they resided in Fleming County, Kentucky. See next O.1.1.4.1.11.

O.1.1.4.1
GEORGE WILLETT and RACHEL of Mason County, Kentucky

George Willett was born on October 18, 1773, in Virginia. He married in Virginia on February 20, 1795, Rachel (b 1773 in Fairfax County, Virginia; d August 23, 1870). They removed to Mason County, Kentucky.

George was a in the Kentucky Militia. He was commissioned an ensign on June 26, 1802, in the Kentucky Corn Stalk Militia, and assigned to the 15th Regiment, 7th Brigade, 3d Division. George was a volunteer during the War of 1812. He served from June 18, 1812 until February 17, 1815. When he left for the service, Rachel was left unprotected in their wilderness home with one or two small children. She was a member of the Regular Baptist Church.

George died on November 9, 1842, in Fleming County, Kentucky; they are both buried in the Gilead Baptist Cemetery, Mason County, Kentucky.

Rachel died in the home of her son, Richard Harrison Willett, on August 23, 1870, in her 97th year.

1. Elizabeth: b 1800; d 1805.

2. Mary Ann: b 1802; d 1864.

3. Solomon: b 1806; d 1831.

4. Joy Ann: b 1808; m abt 1830 James Redden.

5. Mary Ann: b 1811; d m 1830 John Rose; d 1845.

6. James M: b 1813; m Mary Higgins (b September 12, 1812; d November 13, 1894); d 1886.

7. Clarissa: b 1813; m Joseph Redden.

8. George Washington: b 1818; d 1841.

9. Richard Harrison: b 1820; m 1st December 29, 1843, Evaline Quaintance Higgins; m 2d Sophia Ann Bassett (b July 29, 1831; d June 2, 1884).

O.1.1.4.1.2
NANCY WILLETT and RICHARD WILLETT of Mason County, Kentucky

Nancy Willett was born in 1774 in Berkeley County, (now West) Virginia. It is the family tradition that she married in 1794, her cousin, Richard Willett (b March 11, 1775; d 1847). About this time, Nancy and Richard owned land in Hampshire County, (now West) Virginia. They sold this 161 aces to Mattheas Ingles for $1,600.00 on March 12, 1804.

They the removed to Mason County, Kentucky, where they bought and sold several tracts of land over the years. Richard Willett built a large brick house which still survives.

Nancy Willett died on April 20, 1864, age 91, in Mason County, Kentucky. Both Nancy and Richard are buried in the old family cemetery near Maysville. She and her husband joined the Methodist Church. (Donnelly, page 2).

1. Isaac: b 1795; resided in Hancock County, Indiana; m Nancy Wallingford; went to Indiana to live.

2. George Washington: b abt 1797; m Sarah.

3. James: b abt 1799; resided in Hancock County, Indiana, in 1844; m Nancy?

4. Richard C: b abt 1800; m Julia Ann Peck; removed to Indiana.

5. Penescelia (Celia): b abt 1802; m Hopkins.

6. Martha Ann: b abt 1805; m Mark Wallingford, the son of Nicholas Wallingford (IV).

7. Priscilla: b March 2, 1806; m November 12, 1828, Herrmina Hezekiah Hunt.

8. Eliza: b abt 1808; m Dudley A. Richardson, in Monengahila, (now West) Virginia.

    1. Ann Dudley Richardson:

O.1.1.4.1.6
CHARLES WILLETT and MARTHA THOMPSON

Charles Willett (II) was born in 1789 in Virginia. He married on June 7, 1812, Martha Thompson. (Donnelly, page 2).

1. Matthew: b abt 1815.

2. Elizabeth: b abt 1817.

3. Thomas: b abt 1820.

4. Jane: b abt 1822.

5. George Washington: b abt 1825.

6. Thomas S. Jones:

7. Juliana Jones:

8. Ephriam Robins:

9. Caroline Robins:

O.1.1.4.1.8
BENJAMIN WILLETT and FRANCES FRISTAL of Mason County, Kentucky

Benjamin Willett was born in 1788. He married about 1810 Frances Fristal (Fristoe). They resided in Mason County, Kentucky. He died in March, 1858. (Donnelly, page 2).

1. Mary Jane: b abt 1812; m William Sherwood.

2. Thomas H: b abt 1815; m Elizabeth Sherwood; resided in Mason County, Kentucky.

3. Richard L: b abt 1817; m Sarah Brownfield.

4. Laura: b abt 1820; m Allen S. Brownfield; resided in Mason County, Kentucky.

5. Martha E: b abt 1822; m June 12, 1849, James A. Clark; she is buried in the old January Cemetery, south of the Parker Tobacco Company, in Maysville.

6. Elizabeth D: b abt 1825.

7. Silas F: b abt 1830; d July 15, 1856; buried in the old January Cemetery.

O.1.1.4.1.11
JOHN W. WILLETT and MARY ROSE of Fleming County, Kentucky

John W. Willett was born in 1798. He married about 1820 his cousin Mary Rose. In 1844, they resided in Fleming County, Kentucky. (Donnelly, page 2).

1-4: (children): all died young; buried in the Charles Willett family cemetery.

5. Flora: b abt 1845; m in Fleming County, Kentucky, on June 20, 1876, C. Darnall.

6. Ann Eliza: b abt 1847; m in 1868 Robb.

    1. Margaret Robb: b abt 1870; m Rhodes.

7. Bell: b abt 1850; m Brough.

8. Aquilla: b abt 1852; died as a young man.

9. John: b abt 1855; m Lucy Hord.

    1. (son): b abt 1877; died young.

    2. (son): b abt 1880; died young.

    3. Nan: b September 8, 1881; m John M. Harbeson; resided in Maysville, Mason County, Kentucky; published a book of recipes; d 1972.

        1. Anna Fred Harbeson: m Charles Durrett of Covington, Kentucky.

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NINIAN WILLETT and MARY of Prince Georges County, Maryland

Ninian Willett was born on September 30, 1701, in Prince Georges County, Maryland. He was named after Colonel Ninian Beall.

About 1725, he married Mary.

> "Ninian Willett was overseer of the highway in the upper part of Mount Calvert, according to the Court Record for November, 1725, and November, 1731. By 1726, Ninian had married Mary. In the 1733 tax list for Mount Calvert Hundred, Ninian Willett had 3 servants and 2 slaves" (Donnelly, page 9).

In November, 1726, Ninian Willet was deeded 111 acres of a tract of land called "Perry's Folly" in the Manor of Calvert, and on September 12, 1726, he received a second tract called "Willett's Folly" on the western branch of the Patuxent Branch. These came from the Lord Proprietor. (BB number 1:465; Donnelly, page 19).

On June 3, 1728, his father, Edward Willett, gave to Ninian, always referred to as a planter, for natural affection and fatherly love, 100 acres of land known as "Good Luck." This was Ninian's home when it was deeded to him (Deed M:324). Ninian also purchased "Beall's Chance" which adjoined "Good Luck" on the south from James Gibson (Deed O:265; Donnelly, page 19).

Ninian was the object of local gossip when he was brought to court in 1734.

> "In the Court held June, 1734, (V:2), Ninian Willett was accused of getting his servant, Margaret Roberts, with child. During the March, 1735, Court (V:353) hearing, the child had been born and was called Elizabeth. After all the evidence had been obtained, the Court (V:403) acquited Ninian Willett of the crime.
>
> His wife Mary was mentioned in the Court proceedings" (Donnelly, page 19).

In 1748, Ninian Willett served in Captain Samuel Magruder's Foot Militia ("Maryland Historical Magazine," 6:58; Donnelly, page 19).

Evidently, sometime in the 1750s or 1760s, Ninian Willett moved to Frederick County, Maryland. In 1771, Ninian Willett of Frederick County, Maryland, bought of Evan Jones of the same county, 20 acres known as "Bedfordshire Carrier." He paid £ 5 for it (Frederick County, Maryland, Deed Book O, page 133).

Ninian died in 1773.

> Ninian Willett's will was probated on November 9, 1773. He left one piece of sterling to each of his sons (Ninian, Jr., and Charles).
>
> All the rest of his estate went to his son and executor Isaac.
>
> No wife was mentioned.
>
> Witnesses: Hugh Young, William Willett, and Griffith Willett.

1. Ninian, Jr: b 1727 in Prince Georges County, Maryland; m 1st abt 1750 Chloe Walker; m 2d September 29, 1803, Eleanor Ridgway; d late 1803, or early 1804. See next O.1.3.1.

2. Charles: b 1730 in Prince Georges County, Maryland; m abt 1751 Mary; resided in Prince Georges County, Maryland. See next O.1.3.2.

3. Isaac: b abt 1732; m January, 1764, Christian Nichols; d before 1780. See next O.1.3.3.

O.1.3.1
NINIAN WILLETT, Jr. of Prince Georges County, Maryland

Ninian, Willett, Jr., was born in 1727 in Prince Georges County, Maryland. He married 1st about 1750 Chloe Walker.

> "In 1749, Ninian Willett, Jr., along with his father and his uncle, James Willett, was in the Samuel Magruder's Foot Militia" (Colonial Wars, Box 1:8; Donnelly, page 27).
>
> "He gave a deposition in 1785 saying he was 58 years of age. Ninian was a wayward son for many years, and was often brought into court for offenses" (Donnelly, page 27).

He married 2d on September 29, 1803, Eleanor Ridgway. He died shortly thereafter, as his will was probated on February 15, 1804.

O.1.3.2
CHARLES WILLETT and MARY of Prince Georges County, Maryland

Charles Willett was born in 1730 in Prince Georges County, Maryland. He married about 1751 Mary. They resided in Prince Georges County, Maryland.

Perhaps he is the Charles Willett of Berkeley County, (West) Virginia, who, in 1783, has 1 white tithable, 1 horse, and 9 cattle.

1. Ann: bp May 25, 1752, at St. Paul's (Episcopal) Parish in Prince Georges County.

2. Nathan: b abt 1754; possibly the Nathan Willett who m Hannah Cartwright (b 1761?), the daughter of Robert Cartwright, and sister of Nimrod. In 1800, they lived in Berkeley County, (West) Virginia, on land belonging to Hannah's father, Robert Cartwright.

3. Nathaniel: b abt 1756; Nathaniel is listed in the 1782 and 1783 Berkeley County, (West) Virginia, Tithable List. He had 1 white tithable, 3 horses and 3 cattle. He purchased 100 acres in Berkeley County, (West) Virginia, in 1787.

4. Zadock: b abt 1760; He is in the Berkeley County, (West), Virginia, 1783 Tithable List with 1 white tithable, 2 horses, and 3 cattle. He purchased 100 acres of land in Berkeley County, (West) Virginia.

O.1.3.3
ISAAC WILLETT and CHRISTIAN NICHOLS of Maryland

Isaac Willett was born about 1732. He married in Anne Arundel County, Maryland, on January 10, 1764, Christian Nichols. He died before 1780.

His widow, Christian, married 2d on April 18, 1780, William Hutchinson of Prince Georges County, Maryland.

1. (daughter): b abt 1765; m John Manley.

2. John Turner: b abt 1767.

3. Ninian Turner: b abt 1770

4. (daughter): b abt 1772; m John Carter.

O.1.4
EDWARD WILLETT of Prince George County and Frederick County, Maryland

Edward Willett was born on January 12, 1703 in Prince Georges County, Maryland. He was raised on "Bealington" the large home plantation estate. His father owned and worked several other planations. It was in this atmosphere that Edward grew up. It was not unusual in this day to have properties in various locations. Thus, Edward grew up on the Patuxent River, but followed his father on inspections of his properties some of which were in the western reaches of then Prince Georges County (now Frederick County).

Edward married 1st about 1726 Mary Harben, the daughter of William Harben.

In 1728, he received by deed of gift from his father 100 acres on the west side of the Patuxent River in Prince Georges County. Edward Willett and his wife administered the estate of William Harben (Harbin), her father, in 1733. On March 23, 1735, in a Court proceeding (W:7-8), Edward Willett was required to pay to the heirs of William Harben £ 75:3:6, including Mary, the wife of Edward Willett, the daughter of the late Edward Harben (Donnelly,page 20).

> "Edward Willett, Jr., planter, purchased from Andrew Tannehill, land called "Scotland" on July 6, 1741. This tract became the home plantation" (Donnelly, page 20.

In 1748, "Scotland" fell into the newly formed "Frederick County. Also, in 1748, Edward Willett is listed in Captain Beall's Cavalry (Donnelly, page 20).

In 1749, Edward Willett of Prince Georges County, planter, and James Harrison of Frederick County, sold to John Hepburn of Prince Georges County, 260 acres of land known as "Backland" located in Frederick County for the sum of £ 126. The deed was not acknowledged by his wife Mary, so perhaps she had died by this time (Frederick County, Maryland, Deed Book B, page 84; Watson, page 18).

In 1763, Edward married 2d Mrs. Grace (Bruton) Letton.

Edward died in 1772 in Frederick County, Maryland.

Will of Edward Willett dated February 5, 1772; probated April 7, 1772: In it he names wife Grace, sons William and Ninian, daughter Mary Litton, and granddaughters Elizabeth and Elnor Riley, the daughters of Jeremiah Riley.

To: his wife, he left old Oatry and wife Sue, young Oatry and his sister Diana and girl Zill. (These are the same slaves which had been left to Grace Letton by the will of her 1st husband, Caleb Letton (will 1749), who had died in 1763).

To: his daughter, Mary Willett, now called Litton, he left the same Zill after his wife's death, also a negro Nell. This Mary was the wife of her step-brother, Michael Letton.

To: his sons William and Ninian he left 2 tracts of land, "Scotland" and "Addition to Scotland," 73 acres.

Witnesses: John James, Isaac Duckett, and James Beall, son of James (Frederick County Will Book A-1, page 418).

Grace lived for another 15 years after Edward's death. She wrote her will on July 5, 1787 (probate August 15, 1792) in Montgomery County, Maryland. She left everything to her Letton children (Watson, page 25).

1. William: b abt 1728; m Ann; d July 18, 1819, in Nelson County, Kentucky. See next O.1.4.1.

2. Ninian: b 1733; m Ann Fleming; took the Prince Georges Oath of Fidelity and Support in 1778; d intestate in Montgomery County, Maryland, in 1806. See next O.1.4.2.

3. Tabitha: b May 4, 1734; died young.

4. Sarah: b May 4, 1738; died young.

5. Mary: b November 1, 1745; m 1762 her future step-brother, Michael Letton, son of Caleb and Grace (Burton) Letton; d July 29, 1811.

1. Tabitha Letton: b 1763.

2. Burton Letton: b abt 1765.

3. Anna Maria Letton: b abt 1767.

4. Caleb Letton: b abt 1770.

5. John Letton: b abt 1772.

6. Michael: Letton: b abt 1775.

7. Elizabeth Letton: b abt 1777.

8. Grace Letton: b abt 1779.

9. Ralph Letton: b abt 1780.

10. Mary Letton: b abt 1782; m April 18, 1799, Jesse Leach; d 1805. Jesse Leach, widower, m 2d on January 20, 1807, Sarah Willett (see O.1.4.2.8), the daughter of Ninian and Ann (Fleming) Willett.

1. Elizabeth Leach: b February 15, 1805; m Nathan Brown; of Paris, Kentucky.

2. Mary Ann Leach: b abt 1802.

3. Caleb Letton Leach: b abt 1804; m Christy A. Willett.

11. Brice Letton: b abt 1783.

12. Sarah Letton: b abt 1785.

13. Ann Letton: b 1786.

6. Elizabeth: b August 25, 1746; m abt 1768 Jeremiah Riley.

1. Elizabeth Riley: b abt 1770.

2. Elnor Riley: b abt 1772.

O.1.4.1
WILLIAM WILLETT of Frederick County, Maryland

William Willett was born in 1728. He married about 1760 Ann (b 1744). The 1776 Census of St. John's and Prince George's Parishes mention William, wife, and their first 6 children, along with 3 slaves (ages 22, 11, and 4).

William took the Oath of Fidelity and Support in 1778 in Prince Georges County, Maryland.

William died in 1785.

> Will of William Willett dated February 8, 1785 (probate April 5, 1785): he left to his son Edward Wilett all my lands, that is to say half a tract of land called "Scotland," 60 acres, and half a tract called "Addition to Scotland," 36 ½ acres, and part of the "Resurvey of Black Oat Thicket," 46 ¾ acres, and a servant named Daniel Wolan, and a horse of a dark bay color;
>
> All the rest of personal estate, after my debts are paid, to be divided between my 6 children.
>
> Executors: sons Ninian, and Edward (Donnelly, page 28).

1. Richard: b 1761 in Prince Georges County, Maryland.

2. William: b 1763.

3. Elizabeth: b 1764; she was from Anne Arundel County when she married on January 11, 1785, William Anderson.

4. Edward: b March 19, 1765, in Frederick County, Maryland; he was baptized in the Episcopalian Church; m December 19, 1785, Eleanor Fisher (b 1766; d 1848 in Bourbon County, Kentucky), the daughter of Martin Fisher. See next O.1.4.1.4.

5. Ann: b 1768; m December 18, 1788, John Clark.

6. George: b 1772; m abt 1795 Elizabeth Saunders.

7. Mary: b 1778 in Nelson County, Kentucky.

8. Thomas: b 1780; m March 4, 1804, Sarah Bryan.

O.1.4.1.4
EDWARD WILLETT and ELEANOR FISHER
of Montgomery County, Maryland, and Bourbon County, Kentucky

Edward Willett was born on March 19, 1765, in Frederick County, Maryland; he was baptized in the Episcopalian Church.

He married on December 19, 1785, Eleanor Fisher (b 1766; d 1848 in Bourbon County, Kentucky), the daughter of Martin Fisher. They lived in Montgomery County, Maryland, for 30 years; all of their children are reportedly born near Rockville, in Montgomery County, Maryland.

Sometime between 1810 and 1815 the family moved to Bourbon County, Kentucky (Donnelly, page 46).

1. Silas: b 1786, near Rockville, Montgomery County, Maryland; m abt 1810 Barbara Fisher, the daughter of William and Drusilla (Willett) Fisher.

2. Acquilla: b 1788, near Rockville, Montgomery County, Maryland; m 1st Electra Francina Wilber Lane; m 2d Louisa Snow; d September 29, 1843, buried in the old cemetery near Millersburg, Boubon County, Kentucky.

3. Tabitha (Babbie): b abt 1790, near Rockville, Montgomery County, Maryland; m 2d September 25, 1822, John Robertson.

4. Martin: b abt 1792, near Rockville, Montgomery County, Maryland; m 1st Lightfoot; m 2d Mary Ann Holmes.

5. Priscilla: b abt 1795, near Rockville, Montgomery County, Maryland; m January 10, 1815, Benjamin Prather.

6. Ann: b August 31, 1798, near Rockville, Montgomery County, Maryland; m May 16, 1822, Hillary L. Fisher, the son of William and Drusilla (Willett) Fisher; d 1884.

7. Carleton: b June 12, 1801, near Rockville, Montgomery County, Maryland; m 1829 Nancy Coons. See next O.1.4.1.4.7.

8. Alfred: b August 21, 1803, near Rockville, Montgomery County, Maryland; m 1st February 1, 1828, Sophia Kimbrough; m 2d December 4, 1834, Elizabeth Kimbrough; lived in Bourbon County, Kentucky.

9. William Fisher: b November 14, 1808, near Rockville, Montgomery County, Maryland; m abt 1830 Irene Howard.

10. Reuben: b January 12, 1809, near Rockville, Montgomery County, Maryland; m 1st August 27, 1833, Margaret Burch; m 2d December 3, 1857, Elizabeth Ann LeFeurell.

O.1.4.1.4.7
CARLETON WILLETT and NANCY COONS of Paris, Bourbon County, Kentucky

Carleton Willett was born on January 28, 1801, in Montgomery County, Maryland. He moved to Kentucky in the 1820s. He married in 1829 in Bourbon County, Kentucky, Nancy Coons (b 1812 in Germany), the daughter of James Coons of Bourbon County, Kentucky.

They farmed 185 acres of land about ten miles from Paris, Bourbon County, Kentucky. The Carleton Willett family were all raised as members of the Christian Church (Donnelly, page 81; Bourbon, Scott, and Nicholas Counties, Kentucky, Perrin, page 568).

1. Aquila: b 1833 in Bourbon County, Kentucky.

2. Mary S: b 1836 in Bourbon County, Kentucky; m abt 1860 Larvell.

3. John James: b 1837 in Bourbon County, Kentucky.

4. Ninian Martin: b 1839 in Bourbon County, Kentucky.

5. William Harrison: b January 2, 1841 in Bourbon County, Kentucky.

6. Alexander Hamilton: b 1842 in Bourbon County, Kentucky.

7. Winfield: b 1843 in Bourbon County, Kentucky.

8. Horatio Fisher: b 1844 in Bourbon County, Kentucky.

9. Electra V: b 1846 in Bourbon County, Kentucky; m abt 1870 Craig.

10. Nancy Josephine: b 1851 in Bourbon County, Kentucky; m abt 1870 Bagg.

11. James E: b 1853 in Bourbon County, Kentucky.

12. Green: b 1856 in Bourbon County, Kentucky.

13. Robert White: b 1859 in Bourbon County, Kentucky.

O.1.4.2
NINIAN WILLETT and ANN FLEMING of Frederick County, Maryland

Ninian Willett was born in 1753 in Maryland. In 1772, he inherited the southern portion of the plantations "Scotland," and the "Addition to Scotland."

He married about 1775 Ann Fleming. He took the Prince Georges County Oath of Fidelity and Support in 1778. He died intetstae in Montgomery County, Maryland, in 1805 (Donnelly, page 29). He left "Scotland" and the "Addition to Scotland" to his children who combined together on October 15, 1807, and sold the land to their brother Burgess.

1. John: b abt 1777; m abt 1800 Helen Gigsby; resided in Moorefield, Hardy County, (West) Virginia; settled by 1810 in Shelbyville, Shelby County, Kentucky. See next O.1.4.2.1.

2. Edward: b abt 1780; m abt 1800 Ann Barker. See next P.1.4.2.2.

3. Robert White: b abt 1782; m January 18, 1821, Lydia Griffith; resided in Maryland in 1850. See next O.1.4.2.3.

4. Ann: b abt 1785.

5. Burgess: b abt 1787; m June 25, 1814, Catherine Ann Fleming, the daughter of James Fleming. See next O.1.4.2.5.

6. Sarah: b abt 1788; m January 20, 1807, as his 2d wife, Jesse Leach (d 1860); d 1885 in Baltimore; buried in the old Episcopalian burial grounds in Baltimore. Jesse Leach, m 3d, at the age of 80, Miss Mary Hastings of Baltimore. He died in November, 1860, leaving a young widow and "Oh, my God, an infant son" (Jesse Willett Leach's diary).

1. Leah Leach: b abt 1808; m Colonel Richard France of Baltimore.

2. (Dr.) Jesse Willett Leach: b 1809; m Jane Roberts Hunton; d 1895.

3. Ann Leach: b abt 1810; m L. P. Davis, the son of General John Davis of Washington.

4. Elizabeth Riggs Leach: b abt 1812.

7. Mary: b abt 1790; m abt 1810 her cousin Ninian Turner Willett.

8. Oratio: b abt 1792; unmarried.

9. Catherine: b abt 1797.

O.1.4.2.1
JOHN WILLETT and HELEN GIGSBY of Shelbyville, Shelby County, Kentucky

John Willett was born about 1777. He married about 1800 Helen Gigsby. They resided in Moorefield, Hardy County, (West) Virginia. By 1810 they had settled in Shelbyville, Shelby County, Kentucky. Dr. John Willett was at least moderately prosperous; in 1810 he owned 5 slaves.

> "According to the Diary of Dr. Jesse Willett Leache, John Willett studied in Europe to be a physician.
>
> After obtaining his degree, Dr. John Willett first located in Moorefield, Hardy County, (West) Virgina, and then in Shelbyville, Kentucky" (Donnelly, page 47).

1. (son): b abt 1802. (1810 Shelby County, Kentucky, census).

2. (son): b abt 1804. (1810 Shelby County, Kentucky, census)

3. (daughter): b abt 1806. (1810 Shelby County, Kentucky, census)

4. (son): b abt 1808. (1810 Shelby County, Kentucky, census)

5. (daughter): b abt 1809. (1810 Shelby County, Kentucky, census)

O.1.4.2.2
EDWARD WILLETT and ANN BARKER of Montgomery County, Maryland

Edward Willett was born about 1780. He married about 1800 Ann Barker. (Donnelly, page 47).

1. Meredith Robert: b February 6, 1819, in Montgomery County, Maryland; m May 12, 1845, in Montgomery County, Maryland, Honor M. Darby, the daughter of Darius and Ann Darby; he became a Judge and resided in Washington, D. C; he died on December 16, 1885.

O.1.4.2.3
ROBERT WHITE WILLETT and LYDIA GRIFFITH of Maryland

Robert White Willett was born about 1782. He married on January 18, 1821, Lydia Griffith; resided in Maryland in 1850. (Donnelly, page 47).

1. Ann: b 1825; resided in Rockville, Montgomery County, Maryland.

2. John Edwin: b 1834; unmarried; became a physician; resided in Rockville, Montgomery County, Maryland; d January 22, 1887.

O.1.4.2.5
BURGESS WILLETT and CATHERINE ANN FLEMING of Maryland

Burgess Willett was born about 1787. He married on June 25, 1814, Catherine Ann Fleming, the daughter of James Fleming. (Donnelly, page 47).

> "Dr. Jesse Willett Leach wrote, concerning Burgess, for 60 years the greatest sportsman in the state, had race horses, a great number of fat hounds, and thousands of fighting chickens. He is still at the dear old place where rest the bones of Ninian and Ann Willett at the foot of the garden. I suppose no living man enjoys life more" (Donnelly, page 47).

1. Cephas F: b 1817; m abt 1840 Catherine S. Offutt; he was a doctor; d July 2, 1880.

O.1.5

THOMAS WILLETT and ISABELLA ALLISON of Frederick County, Maryland

Thomas Willett was born on August 9, 1708, in Prince Georges County, Maryland. He was raised in a wealthy slave-owning plantation family which had holdings in both Prince Georges County and Frederick County.

In 1728, he received by deed of gift 60 acres on the west side of the Patuxent River. This may have been a marriage gift as he had married about 1726 Isabella Allison (b February 11, 1709; baptized at St. Barnabas Episcopalian Church in Prince Georges County; d 1794 in Montgomery County, Maryland), the daughter of John and Eleanor (Henry) Allison.

In 1745, he was bequeathed "Lick Hill" by his father. The only other land which Thomas is known to have possessed is a portion of a tract called "Little Doan" which was also bequeathed him by his father.

Thomas died in 1751; his estate had debts due, so that it ws not finally settled until 1772. In 1759, in Frederick County, Maryland, Isabella Willett is the administrix of her late husband, Thomas Willett. At this time, there was still no distribution of the estate among the heirs (Frederick County, Maryland, Will Book A-1, page 183).

Isabella Willett, widow, married 2d before 1772 Zachariah James (Donnelly, apge 21).

1. Eleanor: b 1726; m abt 1745 Samuel Pottenger (b 1718; d 1820); d 1822 in Hamilton County, Ohio.

2. John: b abt 1728; inherited "Little Doan" from his father in 1751, and obtained possession of it in 1772; on November 27, 1773, John Willett of Wake County, North Carolina, "the eldest son and heir of Thomas Willett, which Thomas was a devisee of Edward Willet of Prince Georges County, Maryland, sold "Little Doan" to George Munro" (BB Number 3:240; Donnelly, page 21).

3. Isabella: b abt 1735; d 1794 in Montgomery County, Maryland.

4. Benjamin: b 1744; m abt 1769 Mary Howes (b 1746); resided in Montgomery County, Maryland; d 1835. See next O.1.4.5.4.

O.1.5.4

BENJAMIN WILLETT and MARY HOWES of Montgomery County, Maryland

Benjamin Willett was born in 1744 in Frederick County, Maryland (now Montgomery County). He married about 1768 Mary Howes (b 1746). Benjamin was a slave owner.

> "They resided on Lick Hill, a tract which Benjamin inherited from his father. The 1783 tax list of Montgomery County shows two log houses on Benjamin's 33 1/3 acres of Lick Hill" (Donnelly, page 30).

Benjamin Willett's will is dated August 23, 1834, and was proved on October 7, 1835.

Will of Benjamin Willett of Montgomery County, Maryland:

To: daughter, Mary Fish, four acres of land where my son John Willett family lives, to be laid off to include all the buildings;

To: son John Willett the sum of one dollar which I intend to be his part of the estate and no more;

To: son Benjamin Willett the sum of one dollar, heretofore given him all I intended;

To: grandchildren, the sons and daughters of John Willett, which may be living at my death, the rents and profits arising from the farm whereon I now live; John Riggs and his successors as trustees;

To: daughter Mary Fish one negro man Nelson, and one negro girl Barbara;

To: daughter Anne Roby one negro named Frances, and one negro girl named Nancy;

To: daughter Isabella Riggs one negro man named Stephan, and also one negro girl named Ann;

To: daughter Barbara Nevill one negro woman Susan;

To: daughter Elizabeth House one negro man;

To: daughter Esther Riggs the sum of ten dollars;

and rest and residue of my personal property to be equally divided between daughters herein named;

Greenberry Griffith of H. to be executor; dated August 32, 1834.

(Recorded in Wills: Liber U, folio 149, at Rockville, Maryland).

("The Maryland and Delaware Genealogist," pages 68-69).

1. Ann: b May 10, 1770, in Maryland; m in Montgomery County, Maryland, February 2, 1796, Theophilus Roby.

2. Esther (Essay): b April 19, 1772, in Maryland; d December 18, 1794, John Riggs (b November 20, 1770).

3. Thomas: b February 21, 1774; died young.

4. William: b June 16, 1776; died young.

5. Isabel (Ibby): b July 8, 1778, in Maryland; m in Montgomery County, Maryland, December 31, 1808, Amon Riggs.

6. Tabitha (Babby): b July 9, 1780; m abt 1800 Nevill.

7. Mary: b August 20, 1782; license December 31, 1808, and married January 3, 1809, Eleven Fish (Fisk) (d February 15, 1814).

1. Elizabeth Fish: b April 6, 1810.

2. Benjamin Fish: b December 10, 1813.

8. Elizabeth: b March 11, 1784; m January 22, 1812, Richard Howes.

9. Benjamin: b July 25, 1786, in Montgomery County, Maryland; m December 20, 1810, Ann Howes; resided in Maryland a while, and then removed to Bryan, Williams County, Ohio. See next O.1.5.4.9.

10. John: b May 16, 1789, in Montgomery County, Maryland; m in Montgomery County, Maryland, on January 24, 1810, Martha Magruder. (Donnelly, page 50).

1. Mary Ann: b October 26, 1812.

2. John H: b 1839.

O.1.5.4.9

BENJAMIN WILLETT and ANN HOWES of Bryan, Williams County, Ohio

Benjamin Willett was born on July 25, 1787, in Montgomery County, Maryland. He was reared and educated in Montgomery County.
He married on December 10, 1810, Ann Howes.

> "For seven years after his marriage, he engaged in carpentering, when his father gave him a farm, but he refused to accept slaves as property."
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> "In April, 1834, the parents and children moved to Richland County, Ohio, engaged in farming till the fall of 1851 or 1852, and then removed to Brady Township, this county (Williams). In 1860, they came to Bryan, where Mr. Willett died August 4, 1862, followed by his widow in September, 1863. They were both members of the Old Calvinistic Baptist Church, and their departure was delpored as a serious loss to the community" (County of Williams, Ohio, Historical and Biographical, 1882, pages 600-601).

1. Horatio: b abt 1812 in Maryland; d before 1882.

2. Hamilton J: b abt 1814 in Maryland; d before 1882.

3. Catherine M: b abt 1816 in Maryland; m Amos Parson.

4. Meredith R: b abt 1818 in Maryland.

5. Sarah M: b abt 1820 in Maryland; m Gibson of Bryan, Williams County.

6. Otto W: b abt 1822 in Maryland.

7. Elizabeth A: b abt 1824 in Maryland; m abt 1850 Palmer; resided in Bryan, Williams County, Ohio.

8. Benjamin R: b January 4, 1828, in Montgomery County, Maryland; m April, 1856, Mary L. Wilhelm; resided in Bryan Township, Williams County, Ohio. See next O.1.5.4.9.8.

9. Joseph H: b January 11, 1830, in Montgomery County, Maryland; m March 12, 1857, Catherine E. Fisher; resided Bryan, Williams County, Ohio. See next O.1.5.4.9.9.

10. Oliver D: b March 23, 1835, in Richland County, Ohio; m January, 1856, Harriet L. Miller; resided Bryan, Williams County, Ohio. See next O.1.5.4.9.10.

O.1.5.4.9.8

BENJAMIN R. WILLETT and MARY L. WILHELM of Bryan, Williams County, Ohio

Benjamin R. Willett ws born on January 4, 1828, in Montgomery County, Maryland. He came to Ohio with his parents about 1851. He settled for a while in West Unity, Williams County, Ohio, and was engaged in th manufacture of fanning-mills.

He married in April, 1856, Miss Mary L. Wilhelm.

> "In 1860, he came to Bryan and entered into the marble and granite business. In fact, he was the founder of the business in Bryan, and with his brothers conducted it until about 1868, when he embarked in mercantile pursuits, in which he has been actively engaged ever since.
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> He is now the senior member of the firm of Willett and Gibson, one of the oldest houses in town. They carry a full line of dry goods, notions, boots and shoes, etc., and their annual sales average from $35,000 to $40,000. Besides valuable property in town, Mr. Willett owns a half-interest in a farm of 200 hundred acres, and it is one of the best in Williams County.
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> In politics he is a Democrat, and Mrs. Willett is a member of the Presbyterian Church" (County of Williams, Ohio, Historical and Biographical, 1882, page 601).

> "At a meeting of the Trustees of Pulaski Township, April 28, 1881, a petition was presented calling for an election for the purpose of determing whether or not the township should issue bonds to the amount of $50,000 in aid of building a railroad through Pulaski, on Sections 33, 28, 21, 17, 8 and 5. The election was held May 21, 1881, and resulted as follows: In favor, 613; against, 41, not voting, 9.
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> Benjamin R. Willett and A. M. Pratt, of Bryan, were the principal opposers of the measure, and after the election carried the matter into court, which declared the matter unconstitutional. Thus, it was that, through the endeavors of these two men, aided by a few others, a bonded debt of $50,000 was avoided by the township" (County of Williams, Ohio, Historical and Biographical, 1882, page 601).

1. Ada T: b abt 1860.

O.1.5.4.9.9
JOSEPH H. WILLETT and CATHERINE E. FISHER of Bryan, Williams County, Ohio

Joseph H. Willett was born on January 11, 1830, in Montgomery County, Maryland. When he was about three the family moved to Richland County, Ohio. He was reared on the farm, and received a good common school education. About 1851, he came to Brady, Williams County, Ohio, with his parents.

He engaged in farming until about 1862. He was married on March 12, 1857, to Catherine E. Fisher.

> "In the spring of 1862, he removed to Bryan, and joined his brothers, Benjamin R., and O. W. in the marble and granite trade, under the firm name of Willett Brothers, in which he still remains, although the firm name is now changed to Willett and Darby. Mr. Willett is a Democrat, a Freemason, an Odd Fellow, a member of the O. F. Encampment and also of teh Patriarchal Circle. Mrs. and Mr. Willett are members of the Presbyterian Church" (County of Williams, Ohio, Historical and Biographical, 1882, page 602).

1. Emory B: b June 28, 1858, in Fulton County, Ohio; m Mildred H. Long, the daughter of William H. Long. See next O.1.5.4.9.9.1.

2. Louie A: b abt 1860.

O.1.5.4.9.9.1
EMORY B. WILLETT and MILDRED H. LONG of Bryan, Williams County, Ohio

Emory B. Willett was born on June 28, 1858, in Fulton County, Ohio.

> "At the age of four years, his parents brought him to Bryan, where he received a fair education in the public schools, and in 1878, he began working in the granite and tombstone business, serving one year, and then worked until January 1, 1884, at the trade of polishing marble.
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> After that, he formed a partnership with his father in the same line of work, continuing the business for himself, beginning the manufacture of monuments from rough material, and today has the largest plant of the kind in the county. He employs an average in the year round eleven skilled mechanics. The granite is purchased in car-load lots, and is polished, lettered and finished right here in the factory. His office is next to the post office and the factory is on Lynn Street. Since 1890, he has conducted a marble shop also at Hicksville, Ohio.
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> He is director and treasurer of the Bryan Telephone company, of which he was for a time the solicitor, securing some of its first subscribers. In the work of the Knights of Pythias, he is deeply interested, always having taken an active part. (The County of Williams, A History, 1905, pages 598-599).

O.1.5.4.9.10

OLIVER D. WILLETT and HARRIET L. MILLER of Bryan, Williams County, Ohio

Oliver D. Willett was born in Richland County, Ohio, on March 23, 1835, the only child of ten not born in Montgomery County, Maryland. At the age of 16, he came to Williams County with his parents, and engaged in the grocery business at West Unity, Williams County, Ohio.

He married in January, 1856, Miss Harriet L. Miller.

> "He continued in the grocery trade and in the manufacture of pumps with his brother, Benjamin R., until 1860, when he came to Bryan, where he carried on the pump business and dealt in real estate until September, 1870, when he moved to Kendallville, Noble County, Indiana, and engaged in the marble and granite business.
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> While residing there, he was, in 1874, the choice of the people to represent them in the State Legislature. He served in the sessions of 1875 and 1876, and was the author of the Drainage Bill, which has since become a State Law. He also introduced a bill compelling railroad companies to fence their tracts, and also took an active part in favor of a stringent license law.
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> The fall of 1881, he returned to his home in Bryan, where he now resides, engaged in the real estate business and in superintending a farm of two hundred acres, in which he has a half-interest.
>
> In politics, he is a Democrat, he is also a Knight of Honor, and while in Scotland, in 1875, was made a Master Mason, and is now (1882) a Knight Templar in Apollo Commandery, No. 19, Kendallville, Indiana" (County of Williams, Ohio, Historical and Biographical, 1882, page 602).

O.1.6

JAMES WILLETT and ELEANOR OGLE of Prince Georges County, Maryland

James Willett was born about 1710. He married about 1735 Eleanor Ogle. In 1745, he was bequeathed the remainder of "Bealington."

James Willett is in the Court Record twice.

> "Both were the Lord Proprietors versus James Willett for assaulting and beating William McCay (Court FF:606, GGL 461). In the first case, he was acquited, but in March, 1747, he had to pay 5 shillings for his breach of peace" (Donnelly, page 27).

In 1749, he was a member of Samuel Magruder's Foot Militia (Colonial Wars, Box 1:8; Donnelly, page 27).

James Willett sold his 62 acres of "Bealington" to Susanna Magruder on October 18, 1762 (Rent Rolls 38:34). William Willett (James' brother) later purchased this acreage, thus restoring it to the Willett family.

James Willett died after 1762. His widow married 2d Guy Elder.

O.1.7
WILLIAM WILLETT and MARY GRIFFITH of Prince Georges County, Maryland

William Willett was born about 1712 on the family estate "Bealington" which was situated on the Paxtuent River in Prince Georges County, Maryland. Here, on "Bealington," William spent his entire life. In the 1733, census of Prince Georges County, William was living with his father. In 1737, he married Mary Griffith, the daughter of John and Mary (Stevens) Griffith. His father died on June 16, 1743, and left him considerable estates. Maryland, at this time, was a Catholic state, and at some point this Willett family became to follow the Catholic faith. It is not known exactly when the conversion took place. It may have been a slow process; but sometime around the Revolutionary period, William Willett, and most, if not all, of his children began to become exclusively associated with the Catholic faith.

> "According to the will of his father, Edward, William received a 43 acre tract called Beall's Craft, and the home plantation of his father, called Bealington. Besides land, his father bequeathed unto his said son, William Willett, all my Pewterer's Moulds, and other tools, thereunto belonging, provided he doth make what necessary Pewterer the rest of the children shall want for their own proper use in their house them finding Mettle (metal)" (Donnelly, page 21).

William took his father's advice, and worked as a Pewterer, besides being a planter. In the Maryland Gazette on Thursday January 8, 1756, and for 6 Thursdays thereafter, William ran the following ad:

> "William Willett, Pewterer, living about 2 miles from Upper Marlborough, on the Blandensburg Road, now moulds old Pewter at 9 d per pound, or will return one half good new Pewter for any quantity of old, and to be cast in whatever forms the employer pleases, either flat or soup dishes, or flat or soup plates. N. B. He will wait on any employer within 20 or 30 miles to receive their old or return their new pewter, and they may depend on being faithfully and honestly dealt with" (Donnelly, page 21).

William must have made a considerable quantity of pewter during the 1740s and until his death in 1772. He did not have the formal training that his father received, but was probably more prolific. Most of his children went to Kentucky; and a statement is made in the book Across the Years in Prince Georges County by Bowie on pages 403-404, that "most of the pewter ware that went to Kentucky in early days was made by William Willett of Prince Georges County, Maryland, or by his father, Edward" (Donnelly, page 22). No pewter is known, at present, which was made by either father or son. Most likely, William taught the trade of pewterer to one or more of his sons.

William was also a tobacco planter of some importance, and he had some connection with the Mount Calvert Hundred Court prior to 1768. He owned his home plantation, "Bealington," which contained 255 acres, 26 ½ acres called "Chaffey's Delight," 26 ½ acres called "Little Doan," 43 acres called "Beal's Craft," and 8 acres called "Reston's Addi-

tion" (Donnelly, page 22). Although not a great deal of acreage by some standards, in the age before cotton, this was a considerable holding. The land had its limits; tobacco was the main cash crop, and with this in mind, perhaps, the land was becoming worn out. Perhaps, this was why most of William's children began to migrate to Kentucky. Another logical reason could be that the family was large, and there was not enough land to go around. Also, this was still the age of primogenture and even though American families did not follow it to the exclusion of all other children, as in England, younger children could expect a smaller portion; and this is what appeared to have happened in 1772 when William died in Prince Georges County, Maryland.

> Will of William Willett, dated July 10, 1772; probated August 27, 1772; William left Mary with 7 sons, William, Griffith, Edward, Samuel, George, John, and James. Edward received all the tract called "Beal's Craft," 43 acres, part of the home plantation "Bealington," 87 acres; part of "Reston's Addition," 8 acres, and also William's pewterer's tools, provided he (Edward) would make pewter for the rest of the sons.
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> Witnesses: J. Magruder; Philip Bevery, and Richard Johnson, son of Henry.

In 1772, some of Mary Willett's 13 children were grown men, others were as young as 4 years old. A widow had her dower's right in the home place, and most likely had her influence as the head of the family.

> "After the death of her husband, the widow, Mary Willett, placed an advertizement in the Maryland Gazette, on February 10, 1773, March 4, 1773, and March 25, 1773, which read: The Pewterer's Business is still carried on at the subscriber's House in the same manner and at the same rates as were in my deceased Husband's life" (Donnelly, page 22).

The Richard Simmons family were close neighbors to the William Willetts. And the children of Richard and Susannah (Pottenger) Simmons began to intermarry with the children of William and Mary (Griffith) Willett. Also, Richard Simmons, widow, married Mary Willett, widow, on March 7, 1779; thus Richard Simmons became the stepfather to the Willett children, as well as being the father-in-law of 4 of them.

The Pottenger's were another old Maryland family who were neighbors of the Willetts. During the Revolution, about 1780 or 1781, the Pottenger's decided to immigrate to the military lands in Kentucky. Perhaps the Pottengers could claim bounty land for their service in the Revolution, or perhaps, they simply bought the bounty warrants of other veterans of that conflict. It is unlikely, that they had strong Loyalist sympathies, since both Samuel and George Willett were American soldiers under General George Rogers Clark in what is now Kentucky in 1782. When the Pottenger's decided to leave, Richard and Mary (Griffith, Willett) Simmons, and most of her 13 children accompanied them to what was then called Virginia, but what later became Nelson County, Kentucky. Their descendents live in Nelson, Washington, Union, and Graves Counties, Kentucky. The original Willett property is near Gethsemani. Fancy Farm, Uniontown, Waverly, Morganfield, and Henderson are some of the towns and villages where the earliest Willetts settled.

Mary (Griffith, Willett) Simmons died on August 12, 1792, in Nelson County, Kentucky.

1. Elizabeth: b January 4, 1738, in Prince Georges County, Maryland; m abt 1760 Robert Pottenger.

2. Edward: b 1740 in Prince Georges County, Maryland; m 1760 Elizabeth Simmons; received "Bealington" Plantation as his inheritance and spent his entire life there; d December 12, 1815, age 75. See next O.1.7.2.

3. William: b 1743 in Prince Georges County, Maryland; m abt 1765 Ann Wheat; m 2d 1772 Mary Simmons; m 3d Catherine Powers; sold his inheritance to his brother, William, in March, 1773; removed to Kentucky in 1791 or 1792; d in Nelson County, Kentucky, in 1814. See next O.1.7.3.

4. Jemima: b 1745 or 1746 in Prince Georges County, Maryland; m 1762 Richard Schauncy.

5. Verlinda(er): b 1746 in Prince Georges County, Maryland; m 1st 1762 Samuel Simmons; m 2d Humphrey Simmons; m 3d Dr. McKay.

6. Griffith: b December 23, 1753, in Prince Georges County, Maryland; m 1st November 20, 1783, Mary Gine; m 2d Mrs. Mary (Ferree) Graft, widow; migrated to Nelson County, Kentucky; d after April, 1776. See next O.1.7.6.

7. Tabitha: b 1752 in Prince Georges County, Maryland; m 1769 Richard Simmons.

8. Ann: b 1753 in Prince Georges County, Maryland.

9. Samuel: b 1754; was a Captain of Militia; m 1st June 27, 1784, Ann Orme; m 2d Nancy Lee; d April 27, 1835. See next O.1.7.9.

10. George E: b April 17, 1757, in Prince Georges County; m abt 1780 Elizabeth Saunders; will dated August 19, 1981. See next O.1.7.10.

11. John: b abt 1759 in Prince Georges County, Maryland; m abt 1780 Elizabeth Simmons. See next O.1.7.11.

12. Mary: b August 21, 1760, in Prince Georges County; m December 13, 1781, William Childs.

13. Rachel: b November 17, 1762, in Prince Georges County; m December 17, 1782, Richard Price.

14. James: b 1768 in Prince Georges County, Maryland; m abt 1790 Sarah Bland. See next O.1.7.13.

O.1.7.2

EDWARD WILLETT and ELIZABETH SIMMONS of Prince Georges County, Maryland

Edward Willett was born in 1740 on the family plantation "Bealington" in Prince Georges County, Maryland. In 1760, he married Elizabeth Simmons, the daughter of Richard and Suannah (Pottenger) Simmons. In 1772, Edward received conditionally the pewterer's tools which were his father's and grandfather's; they became his in 1779 when his widowed mother married (his father-in-law) Richard Simmons.

> "Edward, like his father before him, spent his entire life from birth to death, in Prince Georges County, Maryland, on land called Bealington. In 1801, Edward purchased Good Luck from the Magruder heirs, and the deeds described the land as adjoining the land where Edward now lives" (Donnelly, page 32).

Edward purchased his brother's bequests, "Bealington," "Beall's Craft," and "Reston's Addition." He was a slave owner. At his death, 12 slaves were sold; there may have been more that were divided among the family. By the 1800 tax assestment, Edward owned 548 acres. Edward Willett died late in 1815.

> Will, probated December 12, 1815. In it he directed that a lot be sold in the town of Upper Marlboro, and other lands were to be sold, and the proceeds divided among the children of his deceased son Edward.
>
> He appointed John Hodges, son of Thomas, as trustee for his son George Washington Willett, and both his son and John Hodges were made executors.
>
> To John Hodges, he left all his land lying "between the main road leading from Upper Marlboro to Mrs. Ann Beryy's ... near John Read Magruder's land ... others remembered in the will were Susannh Benton, Sarah Duvall (wife of Thomas), Elizabeth Howe (wife of Stanilaus), Rachel Howe (wife of Ignatius), Elizabeth Marlowe, who was to have her choice of a negro boy, out of his negroes.
>
> No wife is mentioned, nor were any witnesses names in the record (Prince Georges Will Book, TT 1, page 60).

> "On January 16, 1816, John Hodges, son of Thomas, said the estate had to be sold in order to divide it equally. The sale of the estate of Edward Willett, Sr., on April 4, 1818, realized $4, 585.78. In the lenghty sale, some of the interesting items purchased were a spinning whell by William Hutchinson, an old pewter tea pot by Dr. William Hill, a spinning wheel by John Duckett, a copper still, a whip saw, and a looking glass by Tobias Duvall, a parcel of old pewter by Benjamin Duvall (son of Elisha), two tubs, and a pewter chamber pot by Francis Dorsey. Twelve of the slaves were also sold on this same day" (Donnelly, page 33).

(Watson, pages 25-26).

1. Priscilla: b abt 1761.

2. Ann: b abt 1762.

3. Susannah: b abt 1765; m May 15, 1783, Benjamin Smith Bentenning (Benton).

4. Mary: b abt 1767; m 1786 William Marlowe.

5. Edward: b abt 1770; d before fall 1815; married. See next O.1.7.2.5.

6. Sarah M: b abt 1772; m February 5, 1795, Tobais Duval.

7. Elizabeth: b abt 1775; m December 9, 1798, Stanislaus Howe.

8. Rachel: b abt 1777; m November 27, 1798.

O.1.7.2.5
EDWARD WILLETT of Prince Georges County, Maryland

Edward Willett was born abt 1770 on the old family plantation "Bealington." He was raised as the son of a slave owning aristocrat. He probably married about 1795; however, his wife's name is unknown. Evidently he died just before his father. His father's will was probated on December 12, 1815, and mentions him as being deceased at that time.

> Probate August 10, 1816; in which he left a horse to his neice, Ann Clark (daughter of Abraham Clark); household furniture to another neice, Ann Headle; and all ther rest of his estate to his brother Edward's two sons, George Washington Willett, and William Edward Willett.
>
> Witnesses: John S. Magruder, and Thomas Osburn.
>
> (Prince George County Will Book TT 1, page 184).

1. Edward G: b abt 1797; living 1815.

2. William T: b abt 1800; living 1815.

O.1.7.3

WILLIAM WILLETT of Prince Georges County, Maryland, and Nelson County, Kentucky

William Willett, Jr., was born in 1743 in Princes George County, Maryland. He married 1st about 1765 Ann Wheat. In 1767, William was first appointed to supervise the roads.

He married 2d in 1772 Mary Simmons (b 1744). In March, 1773, William Willett of Prince Georges County, Maryland, sold to his brother, Edward of the same county, for £ 100, 63 acres of land which had been bequeathed to him by his father William Willett, Sr. This was part of the old home plantation "Bealington" which he had received 6 months before at his father's death. William evidently wanted to have his own plantation. He was raised in a slave owning family, and had 3 slaves of his own to help work a plantation.

> "Three days later, William Willett purchased Scott's Fancy from Stephen West (Deed BB 3:150). Here William Willett and his family lived until they removed to Kentucky" (Donnelly, page 33).

In the 1776 census of St. John's and Prince George's Parishes, William Willett is listed as being 33 years old, his wife is 32, and he has four boys aged 15, 13, 4 and 1, and girls 12, and 8. His 3 slaves are aged 22, 11, 4 (Watson, page 23).

In 1782, William was to supervise the road from Blandenburg to Snowden's Iron Works where he had his place of business. In 1782, 1783, and 1786, William Willett received a license to operate an ordinary. He apparently ran this business until he moved to Kentucky late in 1791, or early 1792, when he settled in Nelson County, Kentucky.

William married as his 3d wife, Catherine Powers; the date of this marriage is unknown at this time. William died in 1814 in Nelson County, Kentucky.

(Donnelly, pages 35-36).

1. Richard: b 1761, in Prince Georges County, Maryland; m March 4, 1799, at Oak Grove in Bullitt County, Kentucky, Sarah Essary, the daughter of John Essary and Sarah (Hester) Clark; d 1844. See next O.1.7.3.1.

2. (son): b 1763 Prince Georges County, Maryland; living 1776.

3. (daughter): b 1764 Prince Georges County, Maryland; living 1776.

4. Ann: b 1768, Prince Georges County, Maryland.

5. George: b November, 1770, Prince Georges County, Maryland; d after 1832; never married; buried in Stiles Cemetery.

6. Thomas: b summer 1773 in Prince George County, Maryland; m 1st abt 1795 Sarah Bryan; m 2d Elizabeth Melton; m 3d Elizabeth; resided near New Haven, Nelson County, Kentucky. See next O.1.7.3.6.

7. Edward: b March 19, 1775, Prince Georges County, Maryland.

8. Elizabeth: b 1777 Prince Georges County, Maryland.

9. William: b abt 1779 Prince Georges County, Maryland.

10. Mary: b abt 1781 Prince Georges County, Maryland; d after 1841 unmarried.

11. George Edward: b 1805.

O.1.7.3.1
RICHARD WILLETT and SARAH ESSARY of Meade County, Kentucky

Richard Willett was born in 1761, in Prince Georges County, Maryland. His parents moved to Nelson County, Kentucky in 1793; however, Richard had a postal contract to carry the United States mail at Baltimore for 6 years. At the end of his mail contract, Richard Willett followed his family to Kentucky (Donnelly, page 59).

Soon after his arrival in Kentucky, Richard Willett married on March 4, 1799, at Oak Grove in Bullitt County, Kentucky, Sarah Essary, the daughter of John Essary and Sarah (Hester) Clark.

> "After their marriage, they settled in Meade County, Kentucky, along the Ohio River, on 600 acres of land. Richard Willett called his plantation Willett's Landing" (Donnelly, page 59).

Richard Willett died in 1844 and was buried in the plantation cemetery. His will had been written on July 7, 1837, and was probated on December 2, 1844.
(Donnelly, page 59).

1. Maxfield: b Febuary 9, 1802; m July 21, 1823, Elizabeth Harrison; d October 25, 1878. See next O.1.7.3.1.1.

2. James Essary (Ezra): b January 4, 1804; m June 17, 1832, Ann Stout (sometimes called Lydia); d 1854. See next O.1.7.3.1.2.

3. Mary (Polly): b 1806; m abt 1830 John Sprinkle.

4. Thomas: b 1810 in Meade County, Kentucky; m 1st March 13, 1834, Nancy Ewing; m 2d Amanda Jane Moseley. See next O.1.7.3.1.4.

5. Richard Peyton: b May 12, 1812; m May 10, 1832, Elvira Boone, the daughter of George Boone. See next O.1.7.3.1.5.

6. Edward: b abt 1813; m abt 1835 Mary Stout, sister of Ann (Lydia) Stout; removed to Michigan; came to New Boston, Illinois, with his brothers, James and William, and then went to northern Michigan, and stayed until 1874. Then continued on to Missouri and operated a large saw mill; after 4 years loss all of his holdings in a fire. Returned to Illinois for 4 years and then went on to Michigan again.

1. Clarinda: b abt 1840; m Granville; resided at Benton Harbor in 1917.

7. William: b November 3, 1814; m July 20, 1842, Nancy Jane Denison (b April 4, 1826; d March 12, 1907, age 81); d June 16, 1890, age 76. See next O.1.7.3.1.7.

8. Zebulon Pike: b abt 1816 in Meade County, Kentucky; m August 25, 1841, Sarah Mariah Rosa; Zebulon owned a ferry on the Mississippi River from New Boston, Illinois, to Toolsborough, Iowa, from 1840 until 1860; he either died then or possibly during the Civil War.

O.1.7.3.1.1
MAXFIELD WILLETT and ELIZABETH HARRISON of Meade County, Kentucky

Maxfield Willett was born on February 2, 1802, in Bullit County, Kentucky; m in Elizabethtown, Kentucky, July 21, 1823, Elizabeth (Betsey) Harrison (b November 1, 1805; d December 11, 1865), the daughter of Cuthbert and Mary (Hardin) Harrison, and a neice of President Harrison.

> "Maxwell lived on the home plantation and became a wealthy landowner and farmer. His descendents still own the original Richard Willett farm in Meade County, Kentucky" (Donnelly, page 87).

Maxfield Willett died on October 25, 1878. Both he and his wife are buried in Meade County, Kentucky. (Donnelly, page 87).

1. John Hardin: b August 3, 1824, in Meade County, Kentucky; m April 29, 1845, Sarah Jane Myers (b July 29, 1826; d October 13, 1881). See next O.1.7.3.1.1.1.

2. William: b March 5, 1828, in Little Bend, Meade County, Kentucky; m 1st March 3, 1865, Josephine Franz (b August 2, 1842; d May 17, 1871); m 2d October 28, 1880, Elizabeth R. Roberts; d at Little Bend, Meade County, Kentucky, on January 6, 1920. See next O.1.7.3.1.1.2.

3. Polly: b abt 1830 in Little Bend, Meade County, Kentucky; m Dr. John Lockheart; resided at Mound City, Illinois.

4. Richard Harrison: b September 6, 1833, in Little Bend, Meade County, Kentucky; m September 6, 1833, Angeline Hatfield (b June 8, 1865, in Perry County, Indiana); d March 14, 1867). Mrs. Angeline (Hatfield) Willett, widow, married 2d Mr. Boone. See next O.1.7.3.1.1.4.

5. Sarepta Jane (Sally): b abt 1842; m Joseph Isaac Smith.

6. Maxfield: b abt 1845; d February 29, 1864.

7. Frances (Fanny): b abt 1848.

O.1.7.3.1.1.1

JOHN HARDIN WILLETT and SARAH JANE MYERS of Meade County, Kentucky

John Hardin Willett was born on August 3, 1824, in Meade County, Kentucky. He married on April 29, 1845, Sarah Jane Myers (b July 29, 1826; d October 13, 1881). They lived on the old Willett homestead in Meade County.

John operated a steamboat on the Ohio River. He died on April 5, 1880, at Little Bend, Meade County, Kentucky. (Donnelly, page 132).

1. Thomas Jefferson: b April 11, 1846, near Little Bend in Meade County, Kentucky; m 1st abt 1867 Letitia Graves, the daughter of Henry Graves; m 2d November 2, 1875, in Redding, California, Mrs. Margaret Ann Mogan Fleming (b May 6, 1845; d January 1, 1888), the widow of John Fleming, and the daughter of Edward Mogan and Jane Brown of Kentucky; m 3d in Leopold, Indiana, on October 9, 1888, Sarah (Sallie) Snyder (b October 23, 1868; d June 13, 1922), the daughter of Solomon Snyder and Bettie Sprinkle; d March 16, 1914, in Magnet, Indiana. See next O.1.7.3.1.1.1.

2. Elenora: b May 3, 1848; died young.

3. Caroline: b September 11, 1849; m Martin Shellman; d January, 1926. (Donnelly, page 180).

    1. Mary Shellman: b abt 1870.

    2. Anna Shellman: b abt 1872.

    3. Martha Shellman: b abt 1875.

    4. Daisy Shellman: b abt 1877; died young.

    5. Willett Shellman: b abt 1880; d June, 1930.

    6. Nellie Shellman: b abt 1882; m Roy Hascal; resided in Cleveland, Ohio.

4. Mary: b July 28, 1852; died young.

5. Harriet: b November 28, 1853; m James Stephenson; resided in Magnet, Indiana. (Donnelly, page 180).

    1. John Hardin Stephenson: b July 31, 1874.

    2. Minnie Elizabeth Stephenson: b February 11, 1877; m Arthur Gillespie.

    3. Richard Israel Stephenson: b May 13, 1879; m Violet Bosley.

    4. James Albert Stephenson: b July 11, 1881; m Clarice Harpe.

    5. Frances Stephenson: b November 2, 1885; m Earl Bosler.

    6. William Joseph Stephenson: b August 9, 1888; m Elsie Sprinkle.

7. Robert Lowell Stephenson: b June 15, 1891; m Martha Tate.

6. Richard Harrison (twin): b September 21, 1857; m abt 1880 Artie King, the daughter of John King; resided in Roberta, Kentucky. (Donnelly, page 180).

1. Anna: b abt 1882.

2. Bess:

3. Georgia:

4. John:

5. William.

7. William M. (twin): b September 21, 1857.

8. John Hardin, Jr: b August 14, 1859, in Meade County, Kentucky; m May 18, 1883, Culpernia Carolyn (Pernia) Borer (b July 28, 1859; d February, 1944, in New Paris, Ohio), the daughter of John Henry Borer and Philicana Gaither; resided in Meade County, Kentucky, and later in Perry County, Indiana; d July 6, 1926, in Perry County, Indiana (Donnelly, page 181).

1. Gertrude B: b August 4, 1884.

2. Hazel Fern: b November 10, 1897.

9. Dr. Joseph Payton: b August 2, 1861; m Rebecca Florence Maxey; he was a physician; d November 15, 1904, in Webb City, Missouri. (Donnelly, page 181).

1. Raymond T: resided in Kansas City, Kansas.

2. Crystal: m Colonel James C. Crockett.

3. Floyd:

10. Sarah E. (Sallie): b April 1, 1863.

11. Fannie A: b September 24, 1865; m in Lincoln, Indiana, on April 15, 1889, Bernard M. Kash (b West Liberty, Kentucky; d July 4, 1923), the son of Andrew Kash and Rebecca Maxey; resided in Joplin, Missouri. (Donnelly, page 181).

1. Rebecca Fern Kash: b February 17, 1890; resided Joplin, Missouri.

2. Minnie Hazel Kash: b February 2, 1891.

3. Oliver Willett Kash: b April 16, 1893.

4. Andrew Hardin Kash: b Janusry 25, 1905; m Lucille Boyd.

12. Lillie Lee: b December 1, 1868; m May 18, 1887, John Conor McKim; d September 9, 1894. (Donnelly, page 181).

1. Goldie Edris McKim: b June 17, 1889, in Huffman, Indiana.

2. Claude Gordon McKim: b October 29, 1890, in Pratt, Kansas.

O.1.7.3.1.1.1.1
THOMAS JEFFERSON WILLETT of Magnet, Indiana

Thomas Jefferson Willett was born on April 11, 1846, near Little Bend in Meade County, Kentucky.

He married 1st about 1867 Letitia Graves, the daughter of Henry Graves. He married 2d on November 2, 1875, in Redding, California, Mrs. Margaret Ann Mogan Fleming (b May 6, 1845; d January 1, 1888), the widow of John Fleming, and the daughter of Edward Mogan and Jane Brown of Kentucky.

Thomas Willett married 3d in Leopold, Indiana, on October 9, 1888, Sarah (Sallie) Snyder (b October 23, 1868; d June 13, 1922), the daughter of Solomon Snyder and Bettie Sprinkle.

He died on March 16, 1914, in Magnet, Indiana. (Donnelly, page 180).

1. Curtis Henry: b September 16, 1869; m abt 1895 Helen; resided in Oilmont, Montana. (Donnelly, page 264).

1. Forest: b abt 1913.

2. Elizabeth: b abt 1915.

2. Elmer Thomas: b September 10, 1876; m in Louisville, Kentucky, on October 20, 1913, Sarah Lally, the daughter of Michael Lally and Margaret Flynn. (Donnelly, page 264).

1. Margaret James: b May 5, 1916.

3. Jennie Claire: b January 21, 1880; m August 23, 1915, James L. Myers, the son of Charles Myers and Ruth Riddle. (Donnelly, page 264).

1. Emma Claire Myers: b May 27, 1916.

2. Margaret Evelyn Myers: b July 3, 1920.

3. Kathryn May Myers: b May 8, 1923.

4. Anna Maude: b January 2, 1882; resided in Derby, Indiana.

5. Emma Beatrice: b December 20, 1884; m April, 1919, J. N. Bailey of Bowling Green, Kentucky; removed after 2 years to Lakeland, Florida. (Donnelly, page 265).

1. Mary Willett Bailey: b August 28, 1922.

2. Margaret Bailey: b July 4, 1924.

6. Minnie Frances: b March 4, 1887; m abt 1917 John Woligarski. (Donnelly, page 265).

1. Jack Donald Woligarski: b April 19, 1920.

2. Eunice Frances Woligarski: b December 24, 1924.

7. William Homer: b September 14, 1889, near Magnet, Indiana; m October 31, 1923, Ida Goodman, the daughter of Phillip and Elizabeth Goodman (both born in Germany near the Rhine River; immigrated to the U. S. on October 1, 1881); resided in Detriot, Michigan. (Donnelly, page 265).

1. Phillip Homer: b September 28, 1925, in Ypsilanti, Michigan.

2. Allen Kraft: b May 16, 1927, in Ypsilanti, Michigan.

8. Florence Rhoda: b February 13, 1891, near Magnet, Indiana; m in Louisville, Kentucky, in 1919, Carl J. Gohmann, the son of Theodore Gohmann and Emily Knapp; resided in Louisville, Kentucky. (Donnelly, page 265).

1. Emily Frances Gohmann: b February 22, 1922.

9. Margaret Elizabeth: b October 21, 1893, near Magnet, Indiana; m in Louisville, Kentucky, on November 4, 1917, Dr. James H. Pritchett, the son of James Pritchett and Alice Goodier; resided in Louisville, Kentucky. (Donnelly, page 265).

1. Frances Goodier Pritchett: b October 18, 1920.

2. Mildred Frances Pritchett: b June 11, 1923.

10. Norris Metcalfe: b January 12, 1896, near Magnet, Indiana; m in Louisville, Kentucky, on May 27, 1918, Maud Lee Park, the daughter of George Park and Ollie Parr; resided in Louisville, Kentucky. (Donnelly, page 265).

1. Norris Metcalfe, Jr: b October 11, 1921.

2. Melvin Hays: b March 18, 1926.

3. Oliver Park: b December 23, 1929.

11. Lloyd Melvin (twin): b June 6, 1899, near Magnet, Indiana; resided at Danville, Kentucky.

12. Emil (twin): b June 6, 1899; d September 26, 1899.

O.1.7.3.1.1.2
WILLIAM WILLETT of Little Bend, Meade County, Kentucky

William Willett was born on March 5, 1828, in Little Bend, Meade County, Kentucky. He married 1st on March 3, 1865, Josephine Franz (b August 2, 1842; d May 17, 1871). He married 2d on October 28, 1880, Elizabeth R. Roberts. He died at Little Bend, Meade County, Kentucky, on January 6, 1920.

1. Henry Otis: b August 24, 1866, in Little Bend, Indiana; m June 18, 1890, Mary Josephine King (b November 15, 1867; d November 15, 1929), the daughter of Wilkerson M. King and Parthena; resided in Roberta, Kentucky. (Donnelly, page 181).

1. Eugene King: b September 20, 1892, in Little Bend, Indiana; m at Wolf Creek, Kentucky, on August 1, 1915, Eunice L. Staples, the daughter of John Staples and Juliana Allen; resided for a time in the Canal Zone; and during the 1920s in Roberta, Kentcuky. (Donnelly, page 267).

1. Harold R: b March 31, 1922, in Roberta, Kentucky.

2. Virginia B: b May 19, 1920, in Roberta, Kentucky.

3. Ermine E: b July 13, 1926, in Roberta, Kentucky.

2. William Earle: b August 7, 1901; m June 21, 1924, Nell Johnson, the daughter of John and Lula Johnson; resided in Roberta, Kentucky. (Donnelly, page 267).

1. Bernard Lloyd: b August 12, 1932.

2. Octavia Lavert D: b August 7, 1868, in Little Bend, Indiana; m September 30, 1885, Thomas McCan, the son of Thomas W. McCan and Mary Richardson of Shawnee, Oklahoma. (Donnelly, page 181).

1. Marie McCan: b January 4, 1887.

2. William Medder McCan: b September 10, 1891.

3. John: b abt 1870; m Betty Stiles. (Donnelly, page 181).

1. Dora Elizabeth:

2. Artie Barbara:

3. Wilfred Nicholas:

O.1.7.3.1.1.4

RICHARD HARRISON WILLETT and ANGELINE HATFIELD of Meade County, Kentucky

Richard Harrison Willett was born on September 6, 1833, in Little Bend, Meade County, Kentucky. He married on September 6, 1833, Angeline Hatfield (b June 8, 1865, in Perry County, Indiana).

Richard died on March 14, 1867). Mrs. Angeline (Hatfield) Willett, widow, married 2d Mr. Boone. (Donnelly, page 132).

1. Annie: b 1866.

2. Richard Harrison, Jr: b April 22, 1867, in Perry County, Indiana.

N.1.7.3.1.2
JAMES ESSARY WILLETT and ANN STOUT of Meade County, Kentucky

James Essary (Ezra) Willett was born on January 4, 1804, in Meade County, Kentucky. He married on June 17, 1832, Ann Stout (b April 18, 1811, in Kentucky; d December 11, 1897, age 86; buried in Montezuma, Iowa). James died in 1854 and is buried at Jacksonville, Illinois.
(Donnelly, pages 87-88).

1. Benjamin: b 1833.

2. James Monroe: b August 25, 1834.

3. Philamon Waters: b September 21, 1835.

4. Thomas Jefferson: b May 25, 1837, in Little Bend, Meade County, Kentucky; m July, 1867, Sarah Ann Dunning (b March 17, 1846, Mercer County, Pennsylvania), the daughter of Hugh and Phoebe (McIlheney) Dunning; d May, 1909. See next O.1.7.3.1.2.4.

5. Mary Jane: b September 25, 1838; died young.

6. Edward Aaron: b April 7, 1840, near Little Rock, Illinois; resided in Iola, Kansas; d July 10, 1912, buried in Montezuma, Iowa. See next O.1.7.3.1.2.6.

7. Richard Stout: b September 28, 1841, in Mercer County, Illinois; m December 25, 1866, in Mercer County, Illinois, Edith M. McWhirter (b December 7, 1847); d December 17, 1905, and is buried in Miller, South Dakota. See next O.1.7.3.1.2.7.

8. Julius Ceasar: b April 20, 1843; killed by a run away team in 1864.

9. George Washington: b April 20, 1843; m 1876 Laura A. McKee; moved to Iowa.

10. John Essary (Ezra): b August 20, 11846; died young.

11. Lydia Ann: b May 8, 1849; m in Powshiek, Iowa, on December 24, 1867, Arno L. McWhorter (d September 17, 1909, at Miller, South Dakota.

12. William Pike: b September 4, 1852; died young.

O.1.7.3.1.2.4

THOMAS JEFFERSON WILLETT and SARAH ANN DUNNING of Rice County, Kansas

Thomas Jefferson Willett was born on May 25, 1837, at Willett's Landing on Little Bend, Meade County, Kentucky. He acquired a fair education in Aledo, Illinois, where he attended a boarding school. He was a Sergeant in Company F, 14oth Illinois Volunteer Infantry during the Civil War. He was six feet tall, with light hair, gray eyes, and a light complexion.

He married in Illinois in July, 1867, Sarah Ann Dunning (b March 17, 1846, Mercer County, Pennsylvania; d 1922), the daughter of Hugh and Phoebe (McIlheney) Dunning. They came to Iowa soon afterwards and he with his brother George purchased 82 acres of land. After 9 years of farming, the property was sold and new farms purchase. They lived in Iowa until 1879.

On March 16, 1879, they arrived in Rice County, Kansas, where he purchased a quarter section of land. He died on May, 1909. (Donnelly, page 133; A Biogrpahical History of Central Kansas, 1902).

1. Wirtie: b 1868 at Alcoa, Illinois; resided in Alden, Kansas; a school teacher and editor of an Alden, Kansas, newspaper, and clerk in the Alden State Bank; d 1948.

2. Decia: b 1870; m abt 189: Joseph H. Weiner; her husband had a lumber yard in Silver Lake, Kansas; they retired to Topeka, Kansas; d 1943.

3. Delphia: b 1871; graduated from Emporia, Kansas, Teacher's College in 1900; taught in Indian School, Pine Ridge Agency, South Dakota; on retirement she came to Alden and made her home with her sister, Wirtie; d 1943.

4. Rowe: b 1873; a farmer and stockman of Center Township, Rice County, Iowa; m March 18, 1901, Frances Coyne of Raymond, Kansas; d 1940.

1. Esther: b 1904; m Walker; resides in Sylvia, Kansas.

2. Opal: b 1906; m m 1st Minor; m 2d Marker; d 1972.

3. Frank: b 1907; m Thelma Dick of Lyons, Kansas; was a coach and teacher in Wichita.

1. Richard: of Wichitia.

2. Thomas: of California.

3. Susan: m Smith; of Bedford, Texas.

4. Pauline: b 1910; m Fred Schuyler of Plevna, Kansas; purchased the Willett farm in Valley Township from the Willett heirs.

5. Katie: b 1875; m Charles F. Boy of Raymond, Kansas; taught school; d 1925.

1. Ruth Boy: b 1914; m Roy Firebaugh; resided in Ojaii, California; d 1976.

6. Hugh: b abt 1877; m 1st Pearl Richardson; was a law officer of Anthony, Harper County, Kansas; m 2d Ada Infield; d 1954.

1. Blanche: m Johnson.

O.1.7.3.1.2.6
EDWARD AARON WILLETT of Montezuma, Iowa

Edward Aaron Willett was born on April 7, 1840, near Little Rock, Illinois. He was a Sergeant in the Illinois Vounteer Infantry during the Civil War.

He resided in Iola, Kansas. He died on July 10, 1912, and is buried in Montezuma, Iowa. (Donnelly, page 133).

1. Noyes Watters: b October 31, 1866.

2. George Vost: b November 29, 1869; d December 29, 1871.

3. Mabel Eleanor: b June 7, 1873.

4. Etta Lydia: b October 15, 1875; m July 21, 1915, Samuel Elleworth Mitchel; resided in Lawrence, Kansas.

5. Edith Essie: b April 24, 1879; d August 7, 189x; unmarried.

O.1.7.3.1.2.7
RICHARD STOUT WILLETT and EDITH M. MCWHORTER of Miller, South Dakota

Richard Stout Willett was born on September 28, 1841, in Mercer County, Illinois. He served in the Illinois Volunteer Infantry during the Civil War.

He married on December 25, 1866, in Mercer County, Illinois, Edith M. McWhirter (b December 7, 1847). He died on December 17, 1905, and is buried in Miller, South Dakota. (Donnelly, page 133).

1. Myrtle Edith: b November 8, 1867.

2. Glen Mayer: b September 7, 1869, in Poweshiek County, Iowa; d June 24, 1883; unmarried.

3. Raymond Clair: b April 27, 1877.

O.1.7.3.1.4
THOMAS WILLETT of Meade County, Kentucky, and Kirkwood, Illinois

Thomas Willett was born in 1810 in Meade County, Kentucky. He married 1st at Cannelton, Indiana, on March 13, 1834, Nancy Ewing (b October 4, 1812; d 1835), the daughter of John Ewing and Eleanor O'Reily. He married 2d in Mercer County, Illinois, on September 8, 1842, Amanda Jane Moseley; d 1846 in Mercer County, Illinois. (Donnelly, page 88).

1. John Ewing: b 1835, in Meade County, Kentucky. When he was 5 or 6 years of age he removed with his uncle William Willett to Kiethsburg, Illinois. He married at Ozuawha, Illinois, on September 29, 1859, Narcissa Jane Armstrong (b 1845 in Marysville, Tennessee), the daughter of David and Margaret Armstrong; d November 26, 1902, in Kirkwood. See next O.1.7.3.1.4.1.

2. Nancy E: b 1844.

N.1.7.3.1.4.1
JOHN EWING WILLETT and NARCISSA JANE ARMSTRONG of Kirkwood, Illinois

John Ewing Willett was born on 1835, in Meade County, Kentucky. When he was 5 or 6 years of age he removed with his uncle William Willett to Kiethsburg, Illinois. He married at Ozuawha, Illinois, on September 29, 1859, Narcissa Jane Armstrong (b 1845 in Marysville, Tennessee), the daughter of David and Margaret Armstrong.

He served in the Civil War in the 84th Illinois Vounteer Infantry and was severely wounded at the Battle of Chickamangua, lying on the battlefield for two days. He served as postmaster in Kirkwood, Illinois, for 8 years. He died on November 26, 1902, in Kirkwood. (Donnelly, page 135).

1. Mary (Melle): b abt 1860; m Tom Tyler.

2. John Thomas: b August 6, 1862; m abt 1888 Annie Sturgess; he was a banker; d May 17, 1950, in Watseka, Illinois. See next N.1.7.3.1.4.1.2.

3. William Clyde: b abt 1865; never married; was the station agent for 42 years for the C B and A Railroad in Monmouth, Illinois.

4. Harry B: b abt 1867.

5. Annie Verona: b abt 1870.

N.1.7.3.1.4.1.2
JOHN THOMAS WILLETT and ANNIE STURGESS of Illinois

John Thomas Willett was born on August 6, 1862, in Illinois. He married about 1888 Annie Sturgess. He was a banker.

John Thomas Willett died on May 17, 1950, in Watseka, Illinois.
(Donnelly, page 186).

1. Helen: b 1890; m abt 1910 James Campbell; d 1960 in Hoopeston, Illinois.

2. Louis: b abt 1892; m abt 1910 Fern; d December 5, 1918; no issue.

3. Freda: b August, 1897; m abt 1914 Lucian Dyer.

1. John Willett Dyer: b July 15, 1915; m Ruth Olson Crist; resided in Chicago, Illinois.

4. Marguerite Jeanne: b December 3, 1903, in Woodbury, Iowa; m in Chicago, Illinois, on December 8, 1927, Donald Edward Shoard (b May 28, 1892, in London, England; d June 27, 1958); m 2d George Leighner.

O.1.7.3.1.5
RICHARD PEYTON WILLETT and ELVIRA BOONE
of Meade County, Kentucky, and Harrison County, Indiana

Richard Peyton Willett was born on May 12, 1812, in Meade County, Kentucky. He married on May 10, 1832, Elvira Boone (b August 31, 1813; d January 20, 1896), the daughter of George Boone. They moved to Harrison County, Indiana.

> "In 1851, Richard P. Willett went to California to seek gold; the party he was with settled at Plumsville, Feather River, and staked a claim which proved to be rich. Richard P. Willett was stricken with apoplexy and couldn't talk. His wife's brother, Robert Boone, got him on the ship and started home. He died and was buried at sea in 1852" (Donnelly, page 88).

1. George: b September 14, 1832; died young.

2. Lucy: b September 28, 1834, in Meade County, Kentucky; m abt 1855 Richard Boone; resided in Paducah, Kentucky. (Donnelly, page 136).

    1. Eli Gaither Boone: b abt 1858; d January 3, 1922, in Paducah, Kentucky.

    2. Bobby Boone: b abt 1860.

    3. Elvira Boone: b abt 1862.

3. Sarah: b April 13, 1836, in Harrison County, Indiana; m abt 1858 Martin Myers of Evansville, Indiana; d March 26, 1894. (Donnelly, page 136).

    1. Julius Myers: b abt 1860.

    2. Samuel Lee Myers: b abt 1862.

4. William W: b February 14, 1838; d July 7, 1890.

5. Helen: b May 31, 1840; m abt 1860 Bruce Kirk.

    1. George Lockett Kirk: b abt 1862.

6. Harriett Mary: b February 1, 1843, in Harrison County, Indiana; m abt 1866 Christopher Lone.

    1. John Boone Lone: b abt 1868.

    2. Aurora Lone: b abt 1870.

    3. Birch Lone: b abt 1872.

    4. Nellie Lone: b abt 1875.

5. Lee Lone: b abt 1877.

6. Lula Lone: b abt 1880.

7. James H: b December 20, 1845, in Harrison County, Indiana; m Sarah Zener. See next O.1.7.3.1.5.7.

8. John Boone: b January 12,1 1847, in Harrison County, Indiana; m Mary E. Zener; resided in Corydon, Indiana; removed to Warren County, Indiana, in 1897; d February 3, 1913. See next O.1.7.3.1.5.8.

9. Robert G: b March 16, 1849; d September 19, 1863, in the Civil War.

10. Eli Gaither: b November 28, 1851; d 1861.

O.1.7.3.1.5.7
JAMES H. WILLETT and SARAH ZENER of Harrison County, Indiana

James H. Willett was born on December 20, 1845, in Harrison County, Indiana. He married abt 1865 Sarah Zener. (Donnelly, page 136).

1. Elvira: b abt 1867.

2. Holman: b abt 1870.

3. Harvey: b abt 1872.

4. Walter: b abt 1875.

O.1.7.3.1.5.8
JOHN BOONE WILLETT and MARY E. ZENER
of Harrison County, and Warren County, Indiana

John Boone Willett was born on January 12, 1847, in Harrison County, Indiana. He married abt 1870 Mary E. Zener. They resided in Corydon, Indiana, and later removed to Warren County, Indiana, in 1897; d February 3, 1913. (Donnelly, pages 136-137).

1. William: b abt 1870.

2. Sarah: b abt 1872.

3. George: b abt 1875.

4. Luckett: b abt 1877.

5. Harriett: b abt 1880.

6. James: b abt 1882.

O.1.7.3.1.7
WILLIAM WILLETT and NANCY JANE DENISON of Keithsburg, Illinois

William Willett was born on November 3, 1814, in Meade County, Kentucky. He grew up at Willett's Landing. In 1838, with two of his brothers, Edward and James Essary, he started out by boat down the Ohio River, and up the Mississippi where they landed at New Boston, Illinois, on September 20, 1838.

> "Here William Willett met Nancy Jane Denison. On April 20, 1842, William married Nancy Jane, the daughter of John W. and Jane (Denison) Swafford. They had their home in Keithsburg, Illinois, on the Mississippi River, were they remained the rest of their lives. William was a land speculator. He owned a combination saw and grist mill. He also owned a Packet Boat which made calls up and down the Mississippi River carrying merchandise. The family lived in a big two story brick house, painted blue" (Donnelly, page 89).

William died on June 16, 1890, at the age of 76. Nancy Jane died on March 2, 1907. Both are buried at Keithsburg, Illinois. (Donnelly, page 89).

1. James William: b March 8, 1846, near Keithsburg, Illinois; m December 24, 1875, Ann Rebecca Stoner of Toledo, Iowa; d May 13, 1940, age 94. See next O.1.7.3.1.7.1.

2. Emma O: b abt 1848; m James C. Zumalt; resided in Keithsburg, Illinois, and Sacramento Valley, California.

3. Richard M: b abt 1850; unmarried resident of Keithsburg, Illinois; died in a railroad accident in 1929.

4. Margaret Jane: b 1858 at Keithsburg, Illinois; unmarried; d December 31, 1938 in Marshalltown, Iowa.

5. Julietta: b abt 1860; m John Peters; resided in San Francisco, California.

6. Henry C: b abt 1862; m Turanna Moore; resided at Fort Madison, Illinois.

O.1.7.3.1.7.1
JAMES WILLIAM WILLETT and ANN REBECCA STONER of Tama, Iowa

James William Willett was born on March 8, 1846, near Keithsburg, Illinois.

> "In March 1863, he left school and ran away to enlist in the Federal Army. He tried 3 times to enlist, but was rejected each time on account of his youth and statue, being barely 17 years old and only 5 foot and 4 ½ inches tall. The boys at home ridiculed and laughed at him because he could not get in. He finally was successful and shipped as a sailor on the Great Lakes, and followed a seafaring life until September of that

year. The officers enrolled him as a first class boy, which hurt his pride. Finally seeing how much it meant to him, they relented and at last consented to give him an examination, which he easily passed" (Donnelly, page 137).

He was assigned to the U. S. S. Springfield in the Mississippi Squadron of the Union Navy, under the Command of Admiral Porter. He served further in the Navy and Transport service for two years, as a Boatswain's Mate. After the war, he spent further time in service on the Mississippi River, Ohio River, and the Great Lakes.

He went to Poughkeepsie, New York, where he studied law at Eastman's Commerical College, graduating with the class of 1867. At about this time he began to "read law." His father wanted to sell plows to the settlers in Iowa, so in the spring of 1870, James arrived in Tama County, Iowa; he liked what he saw and stayed, first with the law office of Stivers and Safely, at Toledo, and on February 26, 1872, he was admitted to the bar.

He married on December 24, 1875, Ann Rebecca Stoner, the daughter of Isaac and Catherine (Omwake) Stoner of Toledo, Iowa. He opened a law office in Tama, Iowa and eventually formed Willett, Willett, and Willett with his son James H. Willett, and grandson J. Willett.

For 12 years and 7 months, he served as District Judge of the 17th Judicial District of Iowa. He was a charter member of the Thomas F. Bradford Post of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR), which was organized at Tama, Iowa, in 1873.

He gave a tract of land on Lake Cherry to the city of Tama for the public use; it is now known as Willett Park. He died on May 13, 1940, at the age of 94, at the Old Soldier's Home in Marshalltown, Iowa. (Donnelly, page 137-138).

1. William Stoner: b February 1, 1876, in Toledo, Iowa; m June 2, 1904, Florence Parker (b September 23, 1882); died in Independence, Missouri. See next O.1.7.3.1.7.1.1.

2. Margaret Maude: b September 13, 1877, in Toledo, Iowa; m 1st September 3, 1903, Joseph Harry Snyder (d May 16, 1916), the son of Jacob and Margaret (Weiler) Snyder; m 2d Charles James McCortney (b February 22, 1880; d 1950, at Moline, Illinois), the son of Dr. James McCortney who had settled at Davenport, Iowa; d September 21, 1927, at Tama, Iowa; Margaret died on September 21, 1927, at her father's home. See next O.1.7.3.1.7.1.2.

3. James Horace: b June 14, 1880, in Tama, Iowa; m 1st at Dubuque, Iowa, on June 14, 1910, Flora Baumgarter (b February 5, 1888); m 2d 1945 at Des Moines, Iowa, Grace Foster; resided in Tama, Iowa; died of leukemia in Marshalltown, Iowa, on November 8, 1967. (Donnelly, page 187).

1. Walter James: b July 21, 1911.

O.1.7.3.1.7.1.1
WILLIAM STONER WILLETT and FLORENCE PARKER
of Tama, Iowa, and Altoona, Kansas

William Stoner Willett was born on February 1, 1876, in Toledo, Iowa. He married on June 2, 1904, Florence Parker (b September 23, 1882).
William Stoner Willett died in Independence, Misouri. (Donnelly, page 187).

1. Meredith: b April 22, 1905, in Tama, Iowa; m December 9, 1926, Ralph J. Smith; resided in Independence, Kansas. (Donnelly, page 274).

1. Charles Avery Smith: b November 14, 1928.

2. William Stoner Smith: b January 23, 1932.

2. William Parker: b September 11, 1911, in Altoona, Kansas; m in Tishomingo, Oklahoma, on September 2, 1952, Sue Van Noy (b September 19, 1913); resided in Independence, Kansas; d January 30, 1965.

O.1.7.3.1.7.1.2
MARGARET MAUDE WILLETT and JOSEPH HARRY SNYDER of Tama, Iowa

Margaret Maude Willett was born on September 13, 1877, in Toledo, Iowa. She married 1st on September 3, 1903, Joseph Harry Snyder (d May 16, 1916), the son of Jacob and Margaret (Weiler) Snyder.

Margaret Maude (Willett) Snyder married 2d Charles James McCortney (b February 22, 1880; d 1950, at Moline, Illinois), the son of Dr. James McCortney who had settled at Davenport, Iowa. Margaret died on September 21, 1927, at her father's home in Tama, Iowa. (Donnelly, page 274).

1. Willett J. Snyder: b September 30, 1905, at Tama, Iowa; m November 11, 1926, in Boone, Iowa, Ruth Lillian Johnson (b October 23, 1906, at New Rockford, North Dakota), the daughter of Dr. Howard C. Johnson and Nelle Blythe (Couch) Johnson; graduated from Iowa State in 1927 with a degree in Chemical Engineering; worked for Chrysler and General Tire and Rubber Company; retired at age 75; resides in Birmingham, Michigan. (Donnelly, page 274).

1. Margaret Ann Snyder McCortney: b April 29, 1929; m June 24, 1950, Charles Day Morris (b October 27, 1927, in Tama, Iowa); resided in Trumbull, Connecticutt. (Donnelly, page 383).

2. Willett J. Snyder McCortney: b August 13, 1932, in Detriot, Michigan; m in Royal Oaks, Michigan, on May 6, 1961, Sharon Frances Chapman (b April 1, 1938, in Detriot, Michigan); resided in Minneapolis, Minnesota. (Donnelly, page 383).

3. Nancy Ruth Snyder McCortney: b May 1, 1940, in Detriot, Michigan; m in Frederick, Maryland, on July 24, 1970, Peter Moritz Levin.

2. Carroll Snyder: b abt 1907.

3. Marcelle Snyder: b abt 1910.

4. Margaret Snyder: b April 29, 1929, in Detriot, Michigan; m June 24, 1950 Charles Day Morris (b October 27, 1927), the son of Mark B. and Beryl Marie (Campbell) Morris.

1. Margaret Ruth Morris: b May 2, 1951; m August 27, 1972, Paul Townsend Brockett.

2. James Day Morris: b December 12, 1954; m May 19, 1979, Ann Hayes.

3. Elizabeth Ann Morris: b June 11, 1956.

4. William Christopher Morris: b June 28, 1959; m February 4, 1984, Jean Marie Leach.

O.1.7.3.6
THOMAS WILLETT of Nelson County, Kentucky

Thomas Willett was born in the summer of 1773 in Prince Georges County, Maryland. He removed to Nelson County, Kentucky with his parents as a young boy. He married 1st in Washington County, Kentucky, on March 8, 1804, Sarah Bryan, the daughter of William and Ann Bryan and the stepdaughter of Peter Johnson. Sarah probably died about 1822.

Thomas Willett married 2d in Nelson County, Kentucky, on January 17, 1824, Elizabeth Melton, the daughter of Stanislaus and Jane Melton. Elizabeth died before 1833.

Thomas married 3d Elizabeth. They lived near New Haven, Kentucky, where he spent his life farming. He died in the winter of 1838.

(Donnelly, pages 59-60).

1. Thomas B: b abt 1804 in Nelson County, Kentucky; m 1s in Washington County, Kentucky, on October 18, 1825, Eleanor Caulk; m 2d in Nelson County, Kentucky, on March 5, 1836, Elizabeth Smith, the daughter of Basil Smith; d in Fairfield. See next O.1.7.3.6.1.

2. Nancy: b abt 1805, in Nelson County, Kentucky; m January 10, 1828, Michael Spalding (b July 4, 1802, New Market, (present) Marion County, Kentucky; d November19, 1846.

3. Richard B: b abt 1806.

4. Willett: b abt 1807; died as an infant.

5. Elizabeth: b abt 1810; m Thomas Green; d before 1838.

6. Mary: b abt 1825.

7. Robert A: b 1827; m abt 1852 Jospehine Leonard (b 1832; d August 5, 1899); resided in Nelson County, Kentucky; d May 1, 1905. See next O.1.7.3.6.7.

8. John R: b 1828; remained single; d by 1858.

9. George E: b 1829.

O.1.7.3.6.1
THOMAS B. WILLETT of Nelson County, Kentucky

Thomas B. Willett was born about 1804 in Nelson County, Kentucky. He married 1st in Washington County, Kentucky, on October 18, 1825, Eleanor Caulk.

He married 2d in Nelson County, Kentucky, on March 5, 1836, Elizabeth Smith, the daughter of Basil Smith. He died in Fairfield.

(Donnelly, page 89).

1. Sarah Ellen: b abt 1830, in Nelson County, Kentucky; m July 10, 1849, Henry Harrison Lucas; "Henry Harrison Lucas fought in the Civil War and was disabled with rheumatism as a result of his military service in the hard winter of 1863-1864" (Donnelly, page 138).

1. Mary Lucas: b 1850.

2. John B. Lucas: b February, 1852; m Jane Limes.

3. Nicholas Lucas: b June 30, 1859; m Elizabeth Limes.

4. Henry William Lucas: b September 6, 1859 (sic); died young.

5. Susan Frances Lucas: b May 22, 1862; m John Brady.

6. Martha Ann Lucas: b November 6, 1865; m Henry Martin.

7. Charles Raymond Lucas: b April 10, 1867.

8. Matilda Lucas: b abt 1871; m David Stillwell.

2. Nancy: b abt 1833 in Nelson County, Kentucky; m abt 1850 Elias Lyons Cundiff, a cooper; resided in Nelson County; their children were baptised at Holy Cross in Marion County, Kentucky. (Donnelly, page 138).

1. Felix H. Cundiff: b October 2, 1852.

2. Sarah Cundiff: b March, 1854.

3. John Henry Cundiff: b November 16, 1856.

4. Margaret (Maggie) Cundiff: b July 18, 1864.

5. Anna Pearl Cundiff: b July 18, 1864.

6. Benjamin Cundiff: b 1869.

3. George Edward: b 1835 in Nelson County, Kentucky; m 1st Rose Ann Kelly (b 1835 in Washington County, Kentucky; d July 24, 1887; buried St. Rose's); m 2d Jane C. Wimsatt Knott (b 1848; d March 14, 1935; buried at St. Rose's). See next O.1.7.3.6.1.3.

4. Mary Elizabeth: b abt 1837.

5. Basil B: b March, 1839, in Nelson County, Kentucky; m abt 1865 Melvina (b December, 1843); in 1900, they were living in Daviess County, Kentucky. (Donnelly, page 139). See next O.1.7.3.6.1.5.

6. Martha A: b 1841 in Nelson County, Kentucky; m Charles William (Bill) Wright; their children were baptised at St. Vincent's in New Hope. (Donnelly, page 139).

1. William Wright:

2. Edward Miles Wright: May 10, 1868.

3. Annie Wright: b 1874.

4. Thomas Baker Wright: b February 23, 1875.

7. Susan Catherine: b 1843 in Nelson County, Kentucky; m Benjamin Stephen Hall (b 1845; d 1915); their children were baptised at St. Vincent's in New Hope, Kentucky. (Donnelly, page 139).

1. Mary Leora Hall: b December 19, 1866; m Samuel Smith.

2. Genevieve Hall: b March 13, 1868.

3. Robert Monroe Hall: b March 11, 1875; m Esther Bowman; d 1907.

4. Margaret Delphania Hall: b May 8, 1872.

5. Joseph Lawrence Hall: b March 9, 1877; d 1895.

6. Mary Bridget Hall: b May 4, 1880; m David Wells.

7. Alice Regina Hall: b July 14, 1882; m Arthur Mills.

8. William Theodore Hall: b abt 1885; m 1st Kate Masterson.

9. Laura Hall: died young.

8. Teresa Ann: b January 6, 1849.

9. Thomas: b February 25, 1852.

10. Austin John: b April 18, 1854.

11. Charles Raymond: b 1857 in Nelson, Kentucky; m abt 1880 Rosella Mattingly; their children were baptised at St. Vincent's in New Hope, Kentucky.

1. Mary Joseph: b June 30, 1881.

2. Benedict Bernard: b January 24, 1883.

3. Mary A: b February 1, 1885.

O.1.7.3.6.1.3
GEORGE EDWARD WILLETT of Nelson County, Kentucky

George Edward: b 1835 in Nelson County, Kentucky; m 1st Rose Ann Kelly (b 1835 in Washington County, Kentucky; d July 24, 1887; buried St. Rose's); m 2d Jane C. Wimsatt Knott (b 1848; d March 14, 1935; buried at St. Rose's). (Donnelly, pages 138-139).

1. John William: b November 17, 1852, in Washington County, Kentucky; m 1st November 17, 1874, Mahala Joana Janes (b 1858 in Missouri; d September 15, 1916; buried at St. Dominic's in Springfield, Kentucky); m 2d Nettie O'Bryan (d September, 1946); d April 4, 1938, and is buried at St. Rose's. See next O.1.7.3.6.1.3.1.

2. Mary Elizabeth: b April 22, 1855.

3. James Patrick: b February 17, 1857, in Washington County, Kentucky; m November 17, 1885, Florence Logsdon (b December 16, 1859; d May 3, 1933); both are buried at St. Dominic's Cemetery in Springfield, Kentucky. (Donnelly, page 189).

1. Francis Bernard: b September 2, 1886; m May 4, 1925, Elizabeth C. Spalding at St. Dominic's in Springfield, Kentucky. (Donnelly, page 189).

2. Edward Lawrence: b September 25, 1888.

3. Mary Adelaide: b September 16, 1890; d November 2, 1965; unmarried.

4. Margaret Estelle: b November 2, 1892; d November 6, 1956; unmarried.

5. Nellie Frances: b 1900; d April 25, 1966; unmarried.

6. James Leo: b March 20, 1904.

4. Nicholas Benedict: b July 16, 1859.

5. Margaret E: b May 9, 1861.

6. Rose Ann: b September 18, 1863.

7. Edward (twin): b May 22, 1866; d July 19, 1879.

8. Martha E. (twin): b May 22, 1866, in Washington County, Kentucky; m November 30, 1882, Charles Thomas Logsdon.

9. Frank Thomas: b September 23, 1868, in Washington County, Kentucky; m 1st at St. Dominic's Church in Springfield, Kentucky, on January 11, 1885, Clara M. Luckett; m 2d at St. Rose's near Springfield, Tresa Ulia O'Bryan; m 3d May 7, 1919, Mary Susan Fenwick. (Donnelly, page 189).

1. Clara Elizabeth: b April 27, 1903.

2. Joseph Arthur: b May 13, 1906; m Opal Quiggins.

3. Mary Naomi: b 1920.

10. Linus Alphonsus: b September 12, 1870, in Washington County, Kentucky; m December 20, 1894, m 1st Lucinda M. Waters (b August 15, 1874; d 1906); m 2d January 22, 1914, Roseline Filestreau (b 1879; d March 7, 1972); d January, 1957; buried in St. Rose's Cemetery near Springfield, Kentucky.

1. Mary Marie: b January, 1895.

2. Mary Ellen (Nell): b October, 1896.

3. Arlene Bernard: b May, 1899.

4. Mary Lucinda: b 1901; d 1966; single.

5. George Edward: b 1903; killed in a hunting accident.

6. James William: b 1905 in Fredericktown, Kentucky; m Mary Clara Reynolds (b 1906), the daughter of Richard H. Reynolds and Martha A. Taylor. (Donnelly, page 279).

1. Mary Ann: b 1930; m Francis Lawrence Alements.

2. Joseph Patrick: b 1931; m Virginia Ann Sides.

3. Martha Lucenda: b 1932; m Glenn Walter Hart.

4. Wanda Rose: b 1935; m John Hardin Riley.

5. Mildred Imelda: m John Mayfield.

6. Sarah Elizabeth: m Joseph Kenneth Sims.

11. George Simon: b January 14, 1873.

12. Mary Elizabeth: b April 14, 1876.

O.1.7.3.6.1.3.1
JOHN WILLIAM WILLETT of Springfield, Kentucky

John William Willett was born on November 17, 1852, in Washington County, Kentucky. He married 1st on November 17, 1874, Mahala Joana Janes (b 1858 in Missouri; d September 15, 1916; buried at St. Dominic's in Springfield, Kentucky).

John William Willett married 2d Nettie O'Bryan (d September, 1946). He died on April 4, 1938, and is buried at St. Rose's.

(Donnelly, pages 188-189).

1. John Edward: b October 8, 1875; d May 22, 1881.

2. Joseph Raymond: b May 10, 1877, in Washington County, Kentucky; m in Howardstown, Kentucky, on October 29, 1901, Jeronema Christina (Nima) Bell (b July 24,

1881; d September 7, 1932), the daughter of William Elder Bell and Lilla Emily Howard; resided in Fredericksburg, Kentucky, where Joseph ran a general store; d January 8, 1953, in Louisville, Kentucky. See next O.1.7.3.6.1.3.1.2.

3. Charles Nathan: b October 30, 1878, in Washington County, Kentucky; m in Fredericktown, Kentucky, at Holy Trinity Church on January 24, 1905, Prudence Nally (b 1886; d 1940), the daughter of Samuel B. Nally and Rose Maureen Hill; reided in Fredericktown, Kentucky; d 1918; buried at St. Dominic's in Springfield, Kentucky. See next O.1.7.3.6.1.3.1.3.

4. James Walter: b October 13, 1880, in Washington County, Kentucky; m at New Hope in Nelson County, Kentucky, on January 9, 1908, Mary Mildred Head (b August 23, 1892; d April 29, 1932), the daughter of William Head and Anne Carrico; d February 25, 1958, in Louisville, Kentucky. See next O.1.7.3.6.1.3.1.4.

5. Mary Edith: b October 4, 1882; m James Winfred Mahoney.

6. Richard Albert: b January 19, 1884, in Washington County, Kentucky; m Martha Mae Smith (b December 24, 1884; d March 25, 1932), the daughter of Henry Smith and Sara Victoria Riney; resided in Lebanon County, Kentucky; d September 8, 1947; buried at St. Rose's near Springfield, Kentucky. See next O.1.7.3.6.1.3.1.6.

7. Charity Elizabeth: b January 15, 1886, in Washington County, Kentucky; m in Fredericktown, Kentucky, on January 9, 1907, Louis Hilmon Mudd (b April 26, 1886; d March 3, 1967, in Louisville, Kentucky), the son of Felix Francis Mudd and Susan Frances Anberry; resided in Washington County, Kentucky; Charity died in 1964; buried at St. Dominic's in Springfield, Kentucky. (Donnelly, page 276).

1. Francis Ollie Mudd: b March 10, 1908.

2. Joseph Hilmon Mudd: b August 20, 1909.

3. William Borgia Mudd: b August 23, 1910.

4. Dennis Lottes Mudd: b September 4, 1911.

5. Joseph Talmolion Mudd: b November 24, 1912.

6. Elizabeth Godeleva Mudd: b November 15, 1914.

7. Monica Frances Mudd: b August 29, 1916.

8. Louis Henry Mudd: b October 19, 1918.

9. Beatrice Kathleen Mudd: b November 25, 1920.

10. William Felix Mudd: b April 19, 1922; d February 10, 1923.

11. Felix William Mudd: b December 21, 1924; d December 24, 1924.

8. John William, Jr: b July 14, 1888; m November 29, 1913, Florentine Boone.

9. Edward Lawrence: b August 6, 1890; m December 28, 1912, Jennie Boone.

10. Thomas Hershel: b December 18, 1892, in Washington County, Kentucky; m at Holy Trinity Church in Fredericktown, Kentucky, on August 12, 1919, Claudia Prudence Cusick (b 1899 in Manton, Kentucky; d 1964); d 1972; both are buried at St. Dominic's Cemetery in Springfield, Kentucky. See next O.1.7.3.6.1.3.1.10.

11. Mary Alice: b April 10, 1896; m Lawrence Clements.

O.1.7.3.6.1.3.1.2
JOSEPH RAYMOND WILLETT and JERONEMA CHRISTINA BELL
of Fredericksburg, Kentucky

Joseph Raymond Willett was born on May 10, 1877, in Washington County, Kentucky. He married in Howardstown, Kentucky, on October 29, 1901, Jeronema Christina (Nima) Bell (b July 24, 1881; d September 7, 1932), the daughter of William Elder Bell and Lilla Emily Howard.

They resided in Fredericksburg, Kentucky, where Joseph ran a general store. "All of the children in the Joseph Raymond Willett family were named Mary after the Blessed Virgin Mary and Jospeh after St. Joseph. All of the children were called by their second name." Joseph Raymond Willett died on January 8, 1953, in Louisville, Kentucky. (Donnelly, pages 275-276).

1. Mary Thelma: b August 11, 1902, in Washington County, Kentucky; m November 30, 1920, Robert Cusick (b November 27, 1892; d 1953); resided in Louisville, Kentucky; Mary d in 1971. (Donnelly, page 386).

    1. Anna Dorothy Cusick: b November 25, 1921.

    2. Mary Margaret Cusick: b March 12, 1923.

    3. Shirley Mae Cusick: b May 2, 1927.

2. Mary Elizabeth: b March 4, 1904; died young.

3. Mary Hazel: b February 25, 1905; professed in the Ursuline Community as Sister Jeromena; resided in Maple Mount, Kentucky.

4. Joseph Austin Elder: b February 1, 1907, in Washington County, Kentucky; m in Cincinnati, Ohio, on April 23, 1938, Virginia Theresa Meierdirks (b January 3, 1916), the daughter of Joseph B. Meierdirks and Camille Grote; resided in Lexington, Kentucky; d April 17, 1969. (Donnelly, page 386).

    1. James Bernard: b July 22, 1940.

    2. Patrick Raymond: b March 16, 1944.

    3. Gregory John: b December 27, 1947.

    4. Neil Thomas: b May 5, 1949.

5. Robert Andrew: b August 11, 1950; m Carol A. B. Elizabeth.

6. Joseph Elder: b October 20, 1952, Sun Hyang.

5. Mary Lilla Belle: b September 5, 1908; m John Edward Clements.

6. Cosmos Majella: b February 19, 1911, in Washington County, Kentucky; m December 23, 1933, Glayds Aretha Conley, the daughter of Thomas A. Conley and Minnie Robinson. (Donnelly, page 387).

1. Cosmos Majella, Jr: b March 19, 1935.

2. Judith Ann: b October 2, 1941.

7. Mary Muriel: b January 29, 1913; single.

8. Joseph William: b July 30, 1915, in Howardstown, Kentucky; m in Cincinnati, Ohio, on April 19, 1941, Catherine Ann Meierdirks (b July 17, 1918), the daughter of Joseph B. Meierdirks and Camile Grote. (Donnelly, page 387).

1. Michael William: b July 2, 1943.

2. Daniel Elder: b November 12, 1946.

3. Stephen Mark: b November 4, 1948.

4. Anne Camille: b June 10, 1950; m James Davidson Philbrick.

5. Virginia Rose: b August 29, 1952; m Guy Osborn Reynolds.

6. Samuel Antony: b December 9, 1956.

7. Thomas Gerard: b April 22, 1958.

9. Mary Beatrice: b September 31, 1917, in Nelson County, Kentucky; m in Louisville, Kentucky, on June 1, 1935, Henry Joseph Kirchner; rside in Louisville. (Donnelly, page 388).

1. Robert Henry Kirchner: b November 13, 1937.

2. Louise Irene Kirchner: b October 1, 1939.

3. Samuel Joseph Kirchner: b July 24, 1946; d October 7, 1946.

4. Henry Joseph Kirchner, Jr: b June 23, 1948; d May 15, 1968, in Vietnam.

10. Joseph Julian: b June 16, 1918, in Washington County, Kentucky; m in Jefferson County, Kentucky, on November 29, 1948, Rosemary Kirchner (b April 16, 1928, in Jefferson County, Kentucky); they reside in Jefferson County, Kentucky. (Donnelly, page 389).

1. Linda Lee: b November 23, 1948.

2. Phillip: b June 6, 1951.

3. Scott Raymond: b March 20, 1956; m Susan Watts.

3. Terry Marie: b July 23, 1958.

4. Theodore Joseph: b June 17, 1959.

5. John Julian: b September 30, 1961.

11. Mary Bernice: b 1920; m in Jefferson County, Kentucky, on May 11, 1940, Charles Bernard Miller (b 1916 in Jefferson County, Kentucky); reside in Jefferson County, Kentucky. (Donnelly, page 389).

1. Nema Raye Miller: b November 27, 1941.

2. Charles Bernard Miller, Jr: b January 26, 1944.

3. Michael Paul Miller: b April 20, 1948.

4. Patrick Phillip Miller: b December 6, 1949; m Janice Arlene Howard.

5. Lilla Susan Miller: b February 8, 1952.

6. Joseph Anthony Miller (twin): b February 13, 1953.

7. Mary Joann Miller (twin): b February 13, 1953.

8. Cynthia Diane Miller: b March 11, 1963.

O.1.7.3.6.1.3.1.3
CHARLES NATHAN WILLETT and PRUDENCE NALLY of Fredericktown, Kentucky

Charles Nathan Willett was born on October 30, 1878, in Washington County, Kentucky. He married in Fredericktown, Kentucky, at Holy Trinity Church on January 24, 1905, Prudence Nally (b 1886; d 1940), the daughter of Samuel B. Nally and Rose Maureen Hill; resided in Fredericktown, Kentucky.

Charles Willett died in 1918 and is buried at St. Dominic's in Springfield, Kentucky. (Donnelly, page 276).

1. Robert Albert: b January 17, 1906; ordained a Catholic Priest on June 10, 1933; d 1971.

2. Charles Irvin: b 1908 in Washington County, Kentucky; m May 15, 1933, Mary Glayds Whelan, the daughter of Isidor Wheland and Pearl Board; reside in Fredericktown, Kentucky. (Donnelly, page 389).

1. Charles Irvin, Jr: b 1936.

2. Robert Glenn: b 1941; d 1966; unmarried.

3. Joanna Faye: b 1947.

3. Florence Cecelia: b 1909 in Fredericktown, Kentucky; m 1st on October 3, 1938, George Clendenin Martin (b 1903; d 1950); m 2d on June 29, 1963, Leonard Thameling, Sr. (d 1903; d 1970), the son of Ulrich Thomas Thameling and Rosa Greive. (Donnelly, page 389).

1. Charles Clendenin Martin: b 1942.

4. James Patrick: b 1912 in Washington County, Kentucky; m Sabina Filiatreau (b July 10, 1916, in Washington County, Kentucky), the daughter of Thomas Nazaire Filiatreau; reside in Bardstown, Kentucky. (Donnelly, pages 389-390).

1. Mary Todd: b September 24, 1935.

2. James Patrick: b February 27, 1937.

3. Barbara Ann: b May 9, 1939; m Sarader Miller in Louisville, Kentucky.

4. Mary Susan: b and d May 5, 1941.

5. Sharon Marie: b January 31, 1944.

5. Francis Aquinas: b 1913; d 1916.

6. Mary Martha: b 1914; m April 20, 1935, Caldwell M. Burnette (b 1907), the son of William T. Burnette and Stella M. Mahoney. (Donnelly, page 390).

1. Robert Nicholas Burnette: b 1936.

2. Caldwell Murry Burnette: b 1938.

3. Sylvia Jeneanne Burnette: m David W. Wooley.

4. Sherry Lee Burnette:

5. Mary Patricia Burnette: m Ronald J. Henderson.

6. John Francis Burnette: b 1950.

7. Prudence Gay Burnette: b 1952; m Earl J. Roederer.

O.1.7.3.6.1.3.1.4
JAMES WALTER WILLETT and MARY MILDRED HEAD of Kentucky

James Walter Willett was born on October 13, 1880, in Washington County, Kentucky. He married at New Hope in Nelson County, Kentucky, on January 9, 1908, Mary Mildred Head (b August 23, 1892; d April 29, 1932), the daughter of William Head and Anne Carrico. He died on February 25, 1958, in Louisville, Kentucky.
(Donnelly, page 276).

1. Joseph Hennessy: b 1909; died in infancy.

2. John Gavin: b 1910; d 1931; unmarried.

3. James Elmer: d in infancy.

4. Dorothy Lillian: b 1915 in Nelson County, Kentucky; m at St. Vincent de Paul Church in New Hope, Kentucky, on September 5, 1949, William Meehan. (Donnelly, page 390).

1. Patrick James Meehan: b 1952.

2. Michael Joseph Meehan: b 1954.

5. Theresa Hilda: b January 13, 1917, in Nelson County near Gethsemani; m in Nelson County on January 9, 1937, George Thomas Mudd (b May 12, 1912, in Marion County, Kentucky; d November 23, 1971, in Louisville, Kentucky), the son of George Thomas Mudd and Ann Mariah Mattingly; reside in Finley, Kentucky, at Our Lady of the Hills, where their son James T. Mudd is pastor. (Donnelly, page 390).

1. James T. Mudd: b January 4, 1938, in Louisville, Kentucky; ordained a Catholic Priest in Louisville, on May 23, 1964, at Our Lady of the Hills in Finely, Kentucky.

2. Robert T. Mudd: b August 16, 1940.

3. Ronald Mudd: b July 16, 1944; d July 23, 1944.

4. Mary L. Mudd: b June 30, 1947.

5. George T. Mudd: b September 1, 1949.

6. Robert Walter: b November 24, 1919, in New Hope, Kentucky; m January 9, 1946, Rita Louise Salsman (b November 7, 1924, in New Hope), the daughter of John Edgar Salsman and Mary Leona; d April 16, 1967, in Gethsemani. (Donnelly, page 390).

1. Mildred Leona: b November 16, 1946.

2. Robert Walter: b February 18, 1948.

3. Charles Steve: b February 7, 1949.

4. Edgar Salsman: b December 30, 1950.

5. David Allen: b January 31, 1952.

6. Rita Margaret: b May 4, 1954.

7. William Jude: b November 6, 1955.

8. Christy Ann: b March 10, 1956.

9. Kimberly Marie: b April 2, 1957.

10. Ned Lambert: b September 10, 1958.

11. James Richard: b January 1, 1960.

12. Kenneth Author: b March 7, 1963.

7. Francis Anthony: b October 2, 1924; d February 28, 1969; single.

O.1.7.3.6.1.3.1.6

RICHARD ALBERT WILLETT and MARTHA MAE SMITH of Lebanon County, Kentucky

Richard Albert Willett was born on January 19, 1884, in Washington County, Kentucky. He married Martha Mae Smith (b December 24, 1884; d March 25, 1932), the daughter of Henry Smith and Sara Victoria Riney. They resided in Lebanon County, Kentucky.

He died on September 8, 1947, and is buried at St. Rose's near Springfield, Kentucky. (Donnelly, page 276).

1. Ray: b March 10, 1910; d abt 1958; unmarried.

2. Beatrice: b March 6, 1912.

3. Edith: b February 4, 1914.

4. Catherine Marie: b March 24, 1916.

5. Marvin: b September 21, 1918; m Elizabeth; d 1981.

6. Henry: b March 21, 1920; m Pauline Padrick.

7. Sara Victoria: b March 24, 1924.

8. Richard Albert, Jr: b November 12, 1926.

9. Martha Mae: b December 22, 1917.

10. James: b February 18, 1932; m Lois.

O.1.7.3.6.1.3.1.10
THOMAS HERSHELL WILLETT and CLAUDIA PRUDENCE CUSICK
of Springfield, Kentucky

Thomas Hershel Willett was born on December 18, 1892, in Washington County, Kentucky. He married at Holy Trinity Church in Fredericktown, Kentucky, on August 12, 1919, Claudia Prudence Cusick (b 1899 in Manton, Kentucky; d 1964).

Thomas Willett died in 1972; both are buried at St. Dominic's Cemetery in Springfield, Kentucky. (Donnelly, page 276).

1. John William: b 1919.

2. Anna Dorothy: b 1821.

3. James Edward: b 1923; d 1942 at Fort Knox when a rock truck backed over him; buried at St. Dominic's in Springfield, Kentucky.

4. Margie Rosaline: b 1925.

5. Xavier Russel (Buck): b 1927.

6. Mary Alice: b 1929.

7. Joseph Betram: b 1931.

8. Charles Ray: b 1934.

9. Mary Angela: b 1936.

10. Mary Juantia: b abt 1938.

11. Thomas Hershel, Jr: b 1942.

0.1.7.3.6.1.5
BASIL B. WILLETT and MELVINA of Daviess County, Kentucky

Basil B. Willett was born on March, 1839, in Nelson County, Kentucky. He married about 1865 Melvina (b December, 1843). In 1900, they were living in Daviess County, Kentucky. (Donnelly, page 139).

1. Edward: b March, 1870; m Bessie; resided in Daviess County, Kentucky. (Donnelly, page 190).

    1. Romand: b March, 1890.

    2. Mary: b April, 1892.

    3. Liane: b January, 1898.

2. James E: b September, 1877.

3. Benedict W: b September, 1878.

4. Charles R: b September, 1880.

O.1.7.3.6.7

ROBERT A. WILLETT and JOSEPHINE LEONARD of Nelson County, Kentucky

Robert A. Willett was born in 1827. He married about 1852 Jospehine Leonard (b 1832; d August 5, 1899). They resided in Nelson County, Kentucky. He died on May 1, 1905. (Donnelly, pages 90-91).

1. Kate: b 1854.

2. Elizabeth Catherine: b December 12, 1853.

3. John Leonard: b October 28, 1857.

4. Mary Ellen: b October 8, 1861.

5. Georgia Elizabeth: b May 25, 1864.

6. Brittania: b September 17, 1866; d February 24, 1896; buried in Gethsemani Cemetery.

7. Daniel McAllister: b April 18, 1869.

8. Benedict: b June 18, 1872.

O.1.7.6

GRIFFITH WILLETT of Nelson County, and Spencer County, Kentucky

Griffin Willett was born on December 23, 1750, in Prince Georges County, Maryland. He married about 1770; his wife's name has not come down to us. Evidently, she died young, as there are no known children from this marriage.

In January of 1774, Griffin sold to his brother, Edward, for £ 128, all that part of "Bealington" which he had inherited from his father William in 1772. The next year, 1775, he bought of James Roberts of Frederick County part of the "Resurvey of Gore's Adventure," 68 acres of land for £ 68, and in 1776; he bought of John Villers Pollixsin of Frederick County part of "Gore's Adventure." About this time, he removed to Montgomery County where he owned property called "Willett's Delight," and "Mount Pleasant" (Donnelly, page 37). With the coming of the revolution, he took the Oath of Fidelity in Montgomery County in 1778 (Box 4:10, page 1).

Griffin Willett married 2d at Hagerstown, Frederick County, Maryland, on November 20, 1783, Mrs. Mary (Ferree) Grafft, widow. She bought with her 3 sons: David Grafft who married Susan, Jacob Grafft who married Nancy Willett, and Abraham Grafft who married Eunice Pottenger (Donnelly, page 37).

Two of the Willett brothers, and one of the Pottenger's had served with the colonial army in Kentucky during the war. They had seen at first hand the great new land across the mountains. Evidently, after the war, they came home with glowing stories of this fertile land of hills and rivers which could be theirs by virtue of a land bounty for their services in the Revolutionary War. Griffith must have succumbed to these true stories of a new land. In 1796, Griffith Willett sold "Willett's Delight" and "Mount Pleasant" and by 1797 he nad his family, including the 3 Grafft stepsons were living in Nelson County, Kentucky. Griffin Willett settled 400 acres of land on Pottenger's Creek and lived here for the next 3 decades. In the 1810 census, Griffith Willett is listed with his wife, 2 boys, 2 girls, and 9 slaves.

On September 29, 1831, he sold his land on Pottenger's Creek to George W. S. Willett, nephew, and to his son, George E. Willett (Deed 19:126).

Griffith Willett then moved to near Cox's Creek, in Spencer County, Kentucky. He wrote his will here on March 23, 1836. He died on December 24, 1840, and is buried in the Crume Cemetery near Cox's Creek (Donnelly, page 38).

1. Mary: b July 17, 1784; m in Nelson County, Kentucky, on November 4, 1802, Jesse Crume (b July 6, 1799, in Virginia; d March 26, 1864, in Spencer County, Kentucky), the son of Phillip Crume, Sr., and Mary Ann Stout; d March 14, 1852.

2. Rachel: b abt 1786; m in Nelson County, November 11, 1807, Phillip Crume, the son of Phillip Crume Sr., and Mary Ann Stout.

3. William G: b abt 1788 in Frederick County, Maryland; m by bond dated January 9, 1830, in Nelson County, Kentucky, Mrs. Catherine Gristy Thomas, the widow of Richard Thomas; d before November 20, 1847. (Donnelly, page 65).

1. Mary: b 1830; m William Carrico; resided in Daciess County, Kentucky.

4. Cornelius F(erree): b abt 1790.

5. Rebecca E: b May 6, 1792, in Frederick County, Maryland; m at New Haven, Nelson County, Kentucky, on September 22, 1814, Lewis Stiles.

6. Nancy: b 1801; also m at Nelson County, Kentucky, by bond March 18, 1820, Stiles; d August 30, 1879.

7. Susan(nah): b 1797 in Nelson County, Kentucky; m in Nelson County, Kentucky, October 28, 1816, Jeremiah Northern (b 1787; d in Kansas).

O.1.7.9

SAMUEL WILLETT and ANNA LEE of Jefferson County, Virginia (now Kentucky)

Samuel Willett was born in 1754 in Prince Georges County, Maryland, on the family estate known as "Bealington." In 1778, Samuel signed the Oath of Fidelity in Prince Georges County (Box 4:14, page 2). By June of 1782, it is known that Samuel Willett was residing in Jefferson County, Virginia (now Kentucky).

> "At this period in history, Kentucky County, Virginia (originally it had been called Fincastle County), was divided into Jefferson, Fayette, and Lincoln, with the eventual towns of Lousiville, Lexington, and Harrodsburg for their respective county seats. Jefferson County was named in honor of Thomas Jefferson, the first such honor accorded him. From these 3 counties, the commonwealth of Kentucky was formed in 1792" (Donnelly, page 39).
>
> "George Rogers Clark was appointed Brigadier General of Virginia's Western Military Department, and made his headquarters at Fort Nelson, Jefferson County, Kentucky, present day Louisville, Kentucky. George Rogers Clark is considered the founder of Louisville. All able bodied men living in the vinicity had to be in the militia. They fought the British and their Indian Allies. Samuel and George Willett were part of the troops drafted from the Jefferson County Militia to work on the contruction of Fort Nelson at the Falls of the Ohio. The Willetts were listed in a pay abstract for service from June 29, 1782, to July 6, 1782, which included an allowance of 3 days to march the 40 miles home (taken from George Rogers Clark and his Men, Military Records 1778-1789, Margery Harding; Donnelly, page 40).

On August 12, 1786, Samuel married Anna Lee. They were Catholic and raised their children as Catholics.

Perhaps he is the Samuel Willett who is a Lieutenant commanding a company of militia of Nelson County, Kentucky, on November 5, 1788; this Samuel was mentioned as being a Captain on June 18, 1789.

Samuel Willett died on April 27, 1835; his will is dated November 22, 1792, and was probated on March 22, 1793. Mrs. Anna (Lee) Willett, his widow, married 2d on June 6, 1793, Wilford Hayden.

1. John: b 1787 in Nelson County, Kentucky; m in Washington County, October 13, 1806, Matilda Summers; d before September 10, 1821. See next O.1.7.9.1.

2. Mary (Polly): b 1788 in Nelson County, Kentucky; m Thomas Hayden (b 1779 in St. Mary's County, Maryland; d 1850 in Graves County, Kentucky); Thomas Hayden was a pioneer of Graves County in the 1830s; d October 6, 1831; buried at St. Rose's.

3. Reverend William Thomas, O. P: b 1790 in Nelson County, Virgina (later Washington County, Kentucky); he was the first native Kentucky Priest. "William Thomas was taught by the Reverend Samuel T. Wilson, O. P. at Henry Boone's. He joined his teacher in the Dominician Order at St. Rose's and made his religious profession on May 13, 1810. He

studied at the College of St. Thomas outside of Bardstown before his ordination and after ordination he taught there" (Donnelly, page 70). He died on May 6, 1824, of consumption.

4. Elizabeth: b 1791 in Nelson County, Kentucky; m May 28, 1808, John Janes; d before 1819.

O.1.7.9.1
JOHN WILLETT and MATILDA SUMMERS of Washington County, Kentucky

John Willett was born in 1787 in Nelson County, Kentucky. He was raised in a Catholic family, and his brother William became Kentucky's first native priest. He married in Washington County, Kentucky, on October 13, 1806, Matilda Summers (b abt 1790 in Maryland), the daughter of Thomas and Mary Ann Summers. He spent his life farming. He was one of the earliest settlers at Cartwright's Creek and a member of St. Rose's Parish. He died before September 10, 1821, when he was about 34. His will was probated on September 10, 1821. Thomas Head was apointed the guardian of his minor children (Order Book C:358; Donnelly, page 68). On December 22, 1828, Susan Willett chose Nicholas L. Roby, the husband of her oldest sister, as her guardian.

Mrs. Matilda (Summers) Willett, widow, married 2d on January 19, 1824, Benjamin Simmons.

(Donnelly, page 68-69).

1. Samuel: b May 30, 1808, in Washington County, Kentucky; he was the 1st Catholic settler in Graves County, Kentucky in 1829; m July, 1828, Elizabeth Hobbs, the daughter of Jesse Hobbs; d June 10, 1892. See next O.1.7.9.1.1.

2. Elizabeth: b abt 1809; m abt 1827 Nicholas L. Roby.

3. Mary: b March 16, 1810; m 1829 Jospeh L. Pinson.

4. Anne (Nancy): b abt 1812; m abt 1830 James Elliot, a pioneer to Graves County, Kentucky, in the 1830s.

5. Rose Ann Mahala: b 1814; m abt 1835 Samuel Hobbs of Hickman County, Kentucky.

6. Susan: b 1816; d before 1833, unmarried.

7. Eliza Jane: b 1818.

8. John William (Jack): b September 6, 1821, in WAshington County, Kentucky; m 1st Florida Ann Carrico; m 2d Elizabeth Galena Burgess; m 3d Angie Potter; d October 5, 1909, and is buried at Fancy Farm, Kentucky. See next O.1.7.9.1.8.

O.1.7.9.1.1
SAMUEL WILLETT and ELIZABETH HOBBS of Graves County, Kentucky

Samuel Willett was born on May 30, 1808, in Washington County, Kentucky. He married on July, 1828, Elizabeth Hobbs, the daughter of Jesse Hobbs.

In the following March (1829), he and his youthful bride left their childhood home and made their way on horseback to their future home in Graves County.Sam Willett bought ½ a township of land from the government for 12 ½ an acre. His tract of land included all of the present site of Fancy Farm, Graves County, Kentucky. At Christmas time of th same year, they were followed by Samuel's brother, John William Willett. These same two brothers were the pioneers of St. Jerome's Catholic congregation and remained identified with it as its foremost and most active members for over half a century.

The little community grew up by the addition of Albert and Thomas Hobbs (brothers of his wife), in 1831; and their former neighbors William Hilary and Lloyd Toon in 1833; Cornelius Henry Carrico, Thomas Hayden, and Thomas F. Curtsinger, all came from Washington County, Kentucky, and made up the pioneer Catholic settlement at what is now called Fancy Farm.

Samuel held the office of High Sheriff for one term in the 1840s, and served for several years as Deputy Sheriff; he was appointed Postmaster in 1854 and held this office for many years. Samuel died on June 10, 1892. (Donnelly, page 101-105).

1. John William: b June 24, 1829, in Graves County, Kentucky; m 1st abt 1851 Elvira Carrico (b 1831 in Washington County, Kentucky; d June 21, 1909, in Graves County); d before 1882. See next O.1.7.9.1.1.1.

2. Susan Mary: b January 4, 1831, in Graves County, m at St. Jerome's on June 17, 1852, Henry Jefferson Carrico (b June 4, 1829, in Washington County, Kentucky); d November 17, 1917.

3. Samuel Thomas: b December 3, 1833, in Graves County, Kentucky; m February 7, 1854, Cecilia Ann (Seacy) Roberts; d August 2, 1893. See next O.1.7.9.1.1.3.

4. Elizabeth Appolonia: b August 10, 1835; m 1st on November 1, 1854, James Phillip Hayden (b 1830; d 1864); m 2d November 2, 1866, Thomas F. Curtsinger (b March 12, 1816; d February 21, 1903).

5. Francis P. Kendrick: b July 28, 1837; m November 27, 1860, Sarah Ellen Austin; resided in Graves County, Kentucky; d March 4, 1917; buried at St. Jerome's at Fancy Farm, Kentucky. See next O.1.7.9.1.1.5.

6. Matilda Josephine: b January 4, 1840; m 1860 Ignatius Francis Carrico (b January 31, 1834; d August 2, 1900).

7. Elisha Joseph: b January 31, 1842; m abt 1866 Theresa Ann Pierceall (b 1849); resided in Graves County, Kentucky; d May 6, 1911. See next O.1.7.9.1.1.7.

8. Eliza Jane: b February 23, 1844; m 1868 Francis Marion Carrico.

9. Nancy Anne Elder: b April 9, 1846.

10. James Alexander Phillip: b March 28, 1848, in Graves County, Kentucky; m at St. Jerome's on November 26, 1878, Augusta Ann Elliot; resided in Graves County, Kentucky; d January 13, 1926. See next O.1.7.9.1.1.10.

11. Charles Constantine: b April 19, 1850, in Graves County, Kentucky; m at St. Jerome's Church in November, 1879, Anna Isabell (Belle) Cash (b October, 1856; d August 21, 1937); resided in Graves County; d November, 1909. See next O.1.7.9.1.1.11.

12. Francis Eugenia: b July 23, 1852; d before 1860.

O.1.7.9.1.1.1

JOHN WILLIAM WILLETT and MARY ELVIRA CARRICO of Graves County, Kentucky

John William Willett was born on June 24, 1829, in Graves County, Kentucky. He was raised in a Catholic family. He married at St. Jerome's Church in Fancy Farm about 1851 Mary Elvira Carrico (b 1831 in Washington County, Kentucky; d June 21, 1909). John William Willett died before 1882.
(Donnelly, page 150).

1. Mary Elizabeth (Betty): b January 31, 1852, in Graves County, Kentucky; m abt 1872 Thomas Clement Thomas (b October 7, 1848; d December 17, 1913), the son of William Thomas and Eliza Jarboe; resided in Kirbyton, Kentucky. (Donnelly, page 202).

    1. John William Thomas: b September 29, 1873.

    2. Robert Abell Thomas: b July 16, 1875.

    3. Julia Omega Thomas: b September 24, 1877; d March 30, 1895.

    4. Charles Rufus Thomas: b February 6, 1880; d October 26, 1880.

    5. Elizabeth Daisy Thomas: b August 31, 1881; d January 26, 1885.

    6. Claude Allen Thomas: b December 22, 1883.

    7. Elva Ophelia Thomas: b June 15, 1887; m Thomas Lester Hayden.

2. Juliana Ann: b February 9, 1855; died in infancy.

3. Genevieve Frances (Ginny): b January 14, 1858; m 1876 John L. Nance. (Donnelly, page 202).

    1. Ida E. Nance: b 1877.

    2. Ella Nance: b 1879.

4. Samuel Jay: b September 21, 1859, at Fancy Farm in Graves County, Kentucky; m 1st Elizabeth Larkin; m 2d on April 8, 1894, Delia Anna Perkins (b January 7, 1872, at Popular Bluff, Butler County, Missouri; d July 18, 1958, at Royal Oak, Michigan); d November 18, 1954. See next O.1.7.9.1.1.1.4.

5. William Joseph: b November, 1863, in Graves County, Kentucky; m at St. Jerome's Church in Fancy Farm, Kentucky, on January 22, 1884, Sarah Catherine Marshall, the daughter of James Marshall and Rebecca Andrew; d March 29, 1910; both are buried at St. Jerome's Cemetery in Fancy Farm, Kentucky. See next O.1.7.9.1.1.1.5.

6. Emma Alice: b 1865 in Graves County, Kentucky.

7. George Rufus: b June 26, 1867, in Graves County, Kentucky; m at St. Jerome's Church in Fancy Farm, Kentucky, on November 18, 1890, m 1st Cenia M. Hayden; m 2d Caroline C. Gore; d February 23, 1924; buried at St. Jerome's Cemetery in Graves County, Kentucky. (Donnelly, pages 203-204). See next O.1.7.9.1.1.1.7.

8. Cora Evelina: b 1870; m January 25, 1892, William Bourke Toon, the son of Sarah Ellen Hobbs and Hilary Cornelius Toon. (Donnelly, page 204).

1. Mary Carmel Toon: b October 31, 1892.

2. Sarah Rocksella Toon: b January 27, 1894; m Henry Angle in Paducah, Kentucky.

3. Philomena Toon: b August 25, 1896; m John W. Tinenl in Paducah, Kentucky.

4. Anthony Wayne Toon: b June 25, 1899.

5. William Winfrey Toon: b January 11, 1903.

6. Joseph Merle Toon: b March 29, 1906.

7. Augustus Leland Toon: b January 1, 1908.

8. Pauline Toon: b September 4, 1910.

O.1.7.9.1.1.1.4
SAMUEL JAY WILLETT and DELIA ANNA PERKINS of Graves County, Kentucky

Samuel Jay Willett was born on September 21, 1859, at Fancy Farm in Graves County, Kentucky. Samuel married 1st on October 11, 1887, Elizabeth Larkin.

Samuel Willett married 2d on April 8, 1894, Delia Anna Perkins (b January 7, 1872, at Popular Bluff, Butler County, Missouri; d July 18, 1958, at Royal Oak, Michigan). He died on November 18, 1954. (Donnelly, page 203).

1. R. Mary: b October, 1888.

2. Clement John: b March 17, 1895.

3. Mary Millie: b May 24, 1896.

4. Irene Sylvia: b June 9, 1898, at Fancy Farm, Graves County, Kentucky; m Oscar Webb (b July 25, 1892, at Humbolt, Obion, Tennessee; d July 28, 1968, at Royal Oak, Oak, Minnesota.

1. Samuel Huel Webb: b April 16, 1918, at Mayfield, Kentucky; m 1st February 18, 1934, at Michigan City, Indiana, Sara M. Robinson; d May 18, 1949, at Ferndale, Michigan.

5. Ardee Samuel: b January 11, 1900.

6. Joseph Clifton: b December 11, 1901.

7. Florian Neil: b September 22, 1903.

8. Anna Augusta: b February 17, 1907.

O.1.7.9.1.1.1.5
WILLIAM JOSEPH WILLETT and SARAH CATHERINE MARSHALL
of Fancy Farm, Graves County, Kentucky

William Joseph Willett was born on November, 1863, in Graves County, Kentucky. He married at St. Jerome's Church in Fancy Farm, Kentucky, on January 22, 1884, Sarah Catherine Marshall, the daughter of James Marshall and Rebecca Andrew.

William Joseph Willett died on March 29, 1910; both are buried at St. Jerome's Cemetery in Fancy Farm, Kentucky.

(Donnelly, page 203).

1. Charles Edward: b October 27, 1884, in Graves County, Kentucky; m at St. Jerome's in Fancy Farm, Kentucky, on May 12, 1904, Mary Loretta Hodges (b November 10, 1888; d April 17, 1912), the daughter of James Edmund Hodges and Susan Elizabeth Hobbs; d September 24, 1947, in Evansville, Indiana, and is buried at St. Joseph's Cemetery. His widow m 2d Jack Morrison. See next O.1.7.9.1.1.1.5.1.

2. Mary Henrietta (Mattie Mae): b August 24, 1887.

3. Alvie Clarence: b June 21, 1889, at Fancy Farm, Kentucky; m at St. Jerome's in Fancy Farm on October 19, 1913, Iva Lorena Elliott (b June 7, 1888; d May 11, 1974), the daughter of Charles Victor Elliott and Elizabeth Frances Cash; resided at Fancy Farm, Kentucky; d February 9, 1957. His widow married 2d Joseph Clark. See next O.1.7.9.1.1.1.5.3.

4. Beulah Mary: b December 13, 1891, in Fancy Farm, Kentucky; m May 8, 1911, Roy Matthew Ellegood (b September 28, 1890; d October 8, 1972), the son of Samuel Ellegood and Emma Riley; Beulah d October 4, 1967. (Donnelly, page 290).

1. Joseph Manley Ellegood: b June 25, 1917.

2. Samuel Audrey Ellegood: b August 25, 1917.

3. Frances Ernestine Ellegood: b April 29, 1927.

4. Lucille Ellegood: b September 7, 1929.

5. William Orie: b June 13, 1894, in Fancy Farm, Kentucky; m January 11, 1916, Lula Mae Hayden, the daughter of Samuel Willett Hayden; resided at Fancy Farm; d September 30, 1972. See next O.1.7.9.1.1.1.5.5.

6. Leroy (Roy) Bernard: b October 30, 1896, in Fancy Farm, Kentucky; m at St. Jerome's in Fancy Farm on February 5, 1918, Anna Verena Elliott (b June 3, 1898; d August 13, 1981), the daughter of James Alexander Elliott and Matilda Bell Goatley; resided in Graves County, Kentucky; d June 6, 1974; both are buried at St. Jerome's. See next O.1.7.9.1.1.1.5.6.

7. Joseph Manley: b September 4, 1901; d November 20, 1901.

8. Mamie Catherine: b April 20, 1903; d April 5, 1914.

9. Marion: b September 22, 1905; d November 4, 1911.

10. Frances Florene: b March 11, 1908, in Fancy Farm, Kentucky; m 1st at St. Jerome's in Fancy Farm on November 25, 1925, John Leonard (b July 5, 1896, in Hickman County, Kentucky); m 2d C. E. Erwin. (Donnelly, page 291).

1. Joseph Eugene Toon: b June 7, 1928; m 1st Anna Faye Hobbs; m 2d Linda Wilson at St. Jerome's.

2. Elisha Clifton Toon: b April 17, 1931; m Eileen Sweeney.

3. Mary Linda Toon: b February 9, 1941; m Albert John Krestman.

O.1.7.9.1.1.1.5.1

CHARLES EDWARD WILLETT and MARY LORETTA HODGES of Graves County, Kentucky

Charles Edward Willett was born on October 27, 1884, in Graves County, Kentucky. He married at St. Jerome's in Fancy Farm, Kentucky, on May 12, 1904, Mary Loretta Hodges (b November 10, 1888; d April 17, 1912), the daughter of James Edmund Hodges and Susan Elizabeth Hobbs.

Charles Edward Willett died on September 24, 1947, in Evansville, Indiana, and is buried at St. Joseph's Cemetery. His widow m 2d Jack Morrison. (Donnelly, page 290).

1. Joseph Aubrey: b January 28, 1906, in Graves County, Kentucky; m at St. Francis de Sales in Paducah, Kentucky, Frances Alberta Hobbs (b July 13, 1912, in Paducah), the daughter of Henry Ethline Hobbs and Mary Elsie Phipps; resided in Belleville, Illinois; d Novembeer 3, 1967. (Donnelly, page 408).

1. Mary Loretta: b August 2, 1932.

2. Joseph Clifton: b September 1, 1934.

3. Janet Marie: b September 30, 1944.

4. Edward Michael: b March 21, 1947.

5. Kenneth Allen: b December 18, 1954.

2. Alma Elizabeth: b June 23, 1907; m November 29, 1924, Joseph Bernard Hayden.

3. Mary Ethelene: b October 23, 1909; m 1st February 19, 1925, Vodra Leo Wilson; m 2d October 17, 1959, Harry Sheppard.

4. Charles Edward: b October 24, 1912; d January 14, 1916.

O.1.7.9.1.1.1.5.3
ALVIE CLARENCE WILLETT and IVA LORENA ELLIOTT
of Fancy Farm, Graves County, Kentucky

Alvie Clarence Willett was born on June 21, 1889, at Fancy Farm, Kentucky. He married at St. Jerome's in Fancy Farm on October 19, 1913, Iva Lorena Elliott (b June 7, 1888; d May 11, 1974), the daughter of Charles Victor Elliott and Elizabeth Frances Cash.

They resided at Fancy Farm, Kentucky. He died on February 9, 1957. His widow married 2d Joseph Clark. (Donnelly, page 290).

1. Frances Wilma: b January 30, 1915.

2. Joseph Randall: b September 2, 1916.

3. Mary Hazel: b March 1, 1918; d July 29, 1918.

4. Anna Noel: b Octobe 22, 1919; m in Chicago, Illinois, on September 26, 1942, Anthony Rizutto (d January 2, 1977, in Chicago, Illinois; buried at St. Jerome's Farm at Fancy Farm).

5. Anna Ruble: b March 1, 1922; m Hayden Mock.

6. Mary Wilhelmenia: b May 31, 1925.

O.1.7.9.1.1.1.5.5
WILLIAM ORIE WILLETT and LULA MAE HAYDEN
of Fancy Farm, Graves County, Kentucky

William Orie Willett was born on June 13, 1894, in Fancy Farm, Kentucky. He married on January 11, 1916, Lula Mae Hayden, the daughter of Samuel Willett Hayden; resided at Fancy Farm.

He died on September 30, 1972. (Donnelly, page 290).

1. Margaret Generose: b April 1, 1917; m Walter Peter Greenwald.

2. Mary Hazel: b September 22, 1919; m 1939 James Martin Carrico.

3. Joseph Earl: b April 2, 1922; m Elinor Johnson (Donnelly, page 410).

1. Michael Joseph: b 1946.

2. Rebecca:

4. Samuel Bernard: b July 11, 1926; m Dorothy Daly. (Donnelly, page 410).

1. David:

2. Don:

3. Dan:

4. Sammy Douglas:

O.1.7.9.1.1.1.5.6
LEROY BERNARD WILLETT and ANNA ROSE TOON
of Fancy Farm, Graves County, Kentucky.

Leroy (Roy) Bernard Willett was born on October 30, 1896, in Fancy Farm, Kentucky. He married at St. Jerome's in Fancy Farm on February 5, 1918, Anna Verena Elliott (b June 3, 1898; d August 13, 1981), the daughter of James Alexander Elliott and Matilda Bell Goatley. They resided in Graves County, Kentucky.

Leroy Willett died on June 6, 1974. Both are buried at St. Jerome's. (Donnelly, page 291).

1. Joseph Harold: b December 9, 1919, in Graves County, Kentucky; m at St. Jerome's Church in Fancy Farm, Kentucky, on August 25, 1941, Anna Rose Toon (b November 6, 1919; d March 23, 1978, in Mayfield, Kentucky), the daughter of Ernest Bertram Toon and Mary Weitlauf; Joseph is a retired farmer and resides at Fancy Farm. (Donnelly, page 410).

1. Joseph Robert: b June 12, 1942.

2. Anna Belle: b April 24, 1944; d December 11, 1949.

3. William Thomas: b June 6, 1947.

4. Barbara Sue: b November 1, 1948.

5. Rebecca Jane: b September 11, 1950; m John Samuel Higdon.

6. Joyce Ann: b November 8, 1951.

7. Samuel Ernest: b April 24, 1953.

8. Donald Ray: b December 20, 1955.

9. Nancy Louise: b January 22, 1958.

2. Catherine Matilda: b November 5, 1921, Thomas M. Murphy.

3. James Leon: b December 3, 1924, in Graves County, Kentucky; m at St. Jerome's in Fancy Farm on January 2, 1947, Dorothy Louise Carrico. (Donnelly, page 411).

1. Marilyn Jean: b February 6, 1950, James E. Hanley.

2. Stephen Alan: b April 19, 1952.

3. Ellen Louise: b January 11, 1959.

4. William Connie: b December 30, 1927; m at St. Jerome's in Fancy Farm on July 31, 1951, Wilma Jean Wilson (b September 23, 1933), the daughter of Otto Elton Wilson and Mamie Beatrice Burgess; he is a farmer and resides in Mayfield, Kentucky. (Donnelly, page 411).

1. Margaret Ann (adopted): m Richard Louis Toon.

2. Donna Sue (adopted): m Larry Lee Gilbert.

3. William Glenn: b March 17, 1952.

4. John Lyndal: b November 23, 1954.

5. David Anthony: b November 22, 1957; m May 17, 1958.

5. Mary P: b January 28, 1929.

6. Charles Edward: b July 6, 1930; m at St. Jerome's in Fancy Farm on August 5, 1950, Alta Mae Hobbs. (Donnelly, page 411).

1. Charles Eugene: b May 23, 1951.

2. James Roy: b January 30, 1954.

3. Cathy Jane: b March 12, 1960; m Cathy Timothy Marshall.

7. Mary Louise: b June 14, 1933; d 1937.

O.1.7.9.1.1.1.7
GEORGE RUFUS WILLETT of Fancy Farm, Graves County, Kentucky

George Rufus Willett was born on June 26, 1867, in Graves County, Kentucky. He married 1st at St. Jerome's Church in Fancy Farm, Kentucky, on November 18, 1890, Cenia M. Hayden.

George Willett married 2d Caroline C. Gore. He died on February 23, 1924; buried at St. Jerome's Cemetery in Graves County, Kentucky. (Donnelly, pages 203-204).

1. Joseph Carey: b September 27, 1891, in Graves County, Kentucky; m at St. Jerome's in Fancy Farm on October 24, 1911, Addie Lucia Curtsinger, the daughter of Amanda Jane Willett and Elisha Francis Curtsinger; removed to Madison County, Kentucky, about 1916; d January 12, 1963; both are buried at Saints Peter and Paul Cemetery in Collinsville, Illinois. See next O.1.7.9.1.1.1.7.1.

2. William Ruby: b May 1, 1895, in Graves County, Kentucky; m 1st at St. Jerome's in Fancy Farm on January 7, 1914, Edna Theresa Hayden (b March 22, 1896; d February 22, 1927), the daughter of William Hillary Hayden and Ida Ellen Elliott; they resided in East St. Louis, Illinois; m 2d October 20, 1931, Mary Omega Elliott (b March 13, 1900, in Graves County, Kentucky; d September 16, 1968, in St. Louis, Missouri), the daughter of William Elliott and Columbia Victoria Cash; d February 17, 1977, in Belleville, Illinois. See next O.1.7.9.1.1.1.7.2.

3. George Ewing: b June 12, 1897, in Graves County, Kentucky; m 1st at St. Jerome's in Fancy Farm on February 17, 1920, Mary Caroline Cruz (b 1898 in Paducah; d July 25, 1921, in Graves County, Kentucky), the daughter of John Bernard Cruz and Elizabeth Ann Fenwick; m 2d at St. Jerome's on April 10, 1926, Mary Reva Thompson (b January 8, 1903; d September 23, 1968), the daughter of Joseph Andrew Thompson and Leona Pierceall; resided in East St. Louis, Missouri; d April 27, 1968; both he and his wive's are buried at St. Jerome's in Fancy Farm. See next O.1.7.9.1.1.1.7.3.

4. John Noble: b December 23, 1903; m Violet Ferguson.

5. James Leon: b July 4, 1907, in Graves County, Kentucky; m at St. Jerome's in Fancy Farm, Kentucky, on June 25, 1929, Mary Elizabeth Elliott (b November 4, 1907; d September 28, 1981), the daughter of James William Elliott and Columbia Victoria Cash; resided in East St. Louis, Illinois, and later in St. Louis, Missouri; d March 14, 1982, in St. Louis, Missouri; both are buried at Resurrection Cemetery in St. Louis, Missouri. (Donnelly, page 292). See next O.1.7.9.1.1.1.7.5.

6. Flora Mae: b June 11, 1913, in Graves County, Kentucky; m William (Dap) Tucker.

O.1.7.9.1.1.1.7.1
JOSEPH CAREY WILLETT and ADDIE LUCIA CURTSINGER of Madison County, Kentucky

Joseph Carey Willett was born on September 27, 1891, in Graves County, Kentucky. He married on at St. Jerome's in Fancy Farm on October 24, 1911, Addie Lucia Curtsinger, the daughter of Amanda Jane Willett and Elisha Francis Curtsinger.

They removed to Madison County, Kentucky, about 1916. Joseph Willett died on January 12, 1963; both are buried at Saints Peter and Paul Cemetery in Collinsville, Illinois. (Donnelly, page 291).

1. Anita Mae: b November 7, 1912, in Graves County; m in Gardenville, Missouri, on May 5, 1930, Damon D. Davis (b August 27, 1911, in Ironton, Missouri; d February 4, 1978, in St. Louis, Missouri); resides in Metairie, Louisiana. (Donnelly, page 411).

1. Damon Richard Davis: b December 13, 1937.

2. Annie Thelma: b June 9, 1915; d 1918.

3. Mary Rita: b September 11, 1917, in Collinsville, Illinois; m Richard Epsy Ward (b December 8, 1915, in Chicago); reside in Belleville, Illinois.

1. Martin Richard Ward: b October 9, 1953.

4. Mary Bertha: b March 15, 1920, in Collinsville, Illinois; m in Collinsville on May 30, 1942, Joseph J. Baker (b November 2,1915, in St. Louis, Missouri); reside in Hazelwood, Missouri. (Donnelly, page 411).

1. Jo Ann Baker: b 1946.

2. Robert Baker: b 1949.

5. Ruth Angela: b October 24, 1925, in Collinsville, Illinois; m at Saints Peter and Paul in Collinsville on July 4, 1966, Alfred John Weider (b December 21, 1923, in Troy, Illinois); reside in Collinsville, Illinois. (Donnelly, page 412).

1. Deborah Jean Weider: b September 16, 1947; m John David Hatfield.

2. Brian John Weider: b December 7, 1960.

6. Charles Augustine: b August 26, 1927, in Collinsville, Illinois; m 1st Bedalow, the daughter of George Bedalow and Mary Jalinski; m 2d Eleanor Ballhausen; reside in Belleville, Illinois. (Donnelly, page 412).

1. Monica: b November 24, 1956, in East St. Louis, Illinois.

2. Craig Charles: b September 27, 1957, in Memphis, Tennessee; m Carla Patrice Jones.

3. Diana: b December 2, 1958, in New Orleans, Louisiana.

4. Steven Patrick: b March 17, 1960, in Farmington, Missouri.

7. Donald Patrick: b October 30, 1933, in Collinsville, Illinois; m August 27, 1960, Jean Ford Rodgers (b November 6, 1937, in St. Louis, Missouri), the daughter of James Alexander Rodgers and Margaret Combs; reside in Big Fork, Montana. (Donnelly, page 412).

1. Kimberly Jean: b February 17, 1962, in Belleville, Illinois.

2. Michael Patrick: b June 27, 1963, in Belleville, Illinois.

3. Cara Ellen: b September 16, 1965, in Belleville, Illinois.

O.1.7.9.1.1.1.7.2
WILLIAM RUBY WILLETT of Graves County, Kentucky

William Ruby Willett was born on May 1, 1895, in Graves County, Kentucky. He married 1st at St. Jerome's in Fancy Farm on January 7, 1914, Edna Theresa Hayden (b March 22, 1896; d February 22, 1927), the daughter of William Hillary Hayden and Ida Ellen Elliott; they resided in East St. Louis, Illinois.

He married 2d October 20, 1931, Mary Omega Elliott (b March 13, 1900, in Graves County, Kentucky; d September 16, 1968, in St. Louis, Missouri), the daughter of William Elliott and Columbia Victoria Cash.

William Ruby Willett died on February 17, 1977, in Belleville, Illinois. (Donnelly, pages 291-292).

1. William Hillary: b August 21, 1916, in Graves County, Kentucky; m 1st at St. Jerome's in Fancy Farm on January 12, 1946, Mary Lenna Carrico (b September 28, 1919, in Graves County), the daughter of Thomas Audrey Carrico and Mary Edna Carrico; m 2d at Holy Angels in East St. Louis, Missouri, on June 19, 1965, Margaret M. Patrick; he was a United States Postal employee; d December 20, 1979; he and his 1st wife are buried in Mount Carmel Cemetery in Belleville, Illinois. (Donnelly, page 412).

1. Raymond: b April 25, 1947.

2. Gary William: b March 10, 1953; m Deborah Kay George; resides in Smithton, Illinois.

2. Rose Mary: b December 28, 1918; single.

3. Frances Mildred: b September 16, 1921, at East St. Louis, Missouri; m at Sacred Heart Church in East St. Louis on July 22, 1943, Loren Frederick Seger (b March 27, 1921, in St. Louis, Missouri); reside in Overland Park, Kansas.

4. Raymond: b abt 1923; died when he dashed in front of an automobile.

5. Patricia Ann: b June 6, 1933, in East St. Louis, Missouri; m at St. Pius Church in St. Louis on July 11, 1959, Edward Maschek (b August 24, 1927, in St. Louis, Missouri); reside in St. Louis.

6. Marilyn Jane: b February 27, 1939, in East St. Louis, Missouri; m Lawrence D. Mueller (b January 26, 1936, in St. Louis, Missouri), the son of William Henry Mueller and Laura Lillian Russell; reside in St. Louis.

O.1.7.9.1.1.1.7.3
GEORGE EWING WILLETT of Graves County, Kentucky

George Ewing Willett was born on June 12, 1897, in Graves County, Kentucky. He married 1st at St. Jerome's in Fancy Farm on February 17, 1920, Mary Caroline Cruz (b 1898 in Paducah; d July 25, 1921, in Graves County, Kentucky), the daughter of John Bernard Cruz and Elizabeth Ann Fenwick.

George Willett married 2d at St. Jerome's on April 10, 1926, Mary Reva Thompson (b January 8, 1903; d September 23, 1968), the daughter of Joseph Andrew Thompson and Leona Pierceall.

They resided in East St. Louis, Missouri; d April 27, 1968. Both he and his wive's are buried at St. Jerome's in Fancy Farm. (Donnelly, page 292).

1. Thomas Cruz: b July 25, 1921; d July 16, 1923.

2. Margaret Murline: b February 20, 1927, in East St. Louis; m Robert Hutton (b September 10, 1929, in Tucson, Arizona), the son of Clarence Sutton; reside in Charles, Missouri.

3. Joseph Terrell: b March 10, 1928, in East St. Louis; m on September 23, 1950, Nancy Lee Chapman (b February 6, 1931, in Collinsville, Illinois), the daughter of James Chapman and Tessie Cherotti; reside in Collinsville, Illinois. (Donnelly, page 413).

    1. David Joseph: b March 22, 1953.

    2. Douglas William: b June 15, 1961.

4. George Donald: b December 16, 1930, in East St. Louis; m Doris Gibson. (Donnelly, page 413).

    1. Donna Sue: b 1957.

    2. Cynthia Ann: b 1959.

    3. Pamela Louise: b 1961.

    4. Marilyn Jane: b 1963.

    5. Georgia Diane: b 1965.

O.1.7.9.1.1.1.7.5
JAMES LEON WILLETT and MARY ELIZABETH ELLIOTT
of East St. Louis, Illinois, and St. Louis, Missouri

James Leon Willett was born on July 4, 1907, in Graves County, Kentucky. He married at St. Jerome's in Fancy Farm, Kentucky, on June 25, 1929, Mary Elizabeth Elliott (b November 4, 1907; d September 28, 1981), the daughter of James William Elliott and Columbia Victoria Cash.

They resided in East St. Louis, Illinois, and later in St. Louis, Missouri. James Leon Willett died March 14, 1982, in St. Louis, Missouri. Both are buried at Resurrection Cemetery in St. Louis, Missouri. (Donnelly, page 292).

1. Robert Wayne: b and d June 6, 1930, in East St. Louis, Illinois.

2. Robert Wayne (II): b July 6, 1931; m in St. Louis, Missouri, on November 22, 1958, Mary Alice Kocchanski (b October 23, 1937, in St. Louis, Missouri), the daughter of Joseph Kochanski and Mildred Evelyn Gephardt; reside in St., Louis, Missouri. (Donnelly, page 413).

    1. Mark Alan: b October 28, 1959.

    2. Thomas Robert: b March 4, 1961.

    3. John Steven: b May 20, 1962.

    4. Susan Mary: b August 21, 1963.

    5. Sherry Ann: b January 20, 1966.

3. Margaret Jean (Peggy): b April 1, 1933.

4. James Ralph: b January 7, 1935.

5. John Gerald: b May 27, 1942.

O.1.7.9.1.1.3
SAMUEL THOMAS WILLETT and CECILIA ANN ROBERTS of Graves County, Kentucky

Samuel Thomas Willett was born on December 3, 1833, in Graves County, Kentucky. He married on February 7, 1854, Cecilia Ann (Seacy) Roberts. He died on August 23, 1893. (Donnelly, page 151).

1. Viola Victoria: b November 25, 1856, in Graves County, Kentucky; m November 19, 1879, H. L. Stanley. (Donnelly, page 205).

1. Lucy L. Stanley: b April 18, 1882, in Graves County.

2. Ellen (Ella): b May 25, 1860, in Graves County, m January 28, 1879, William Martin Curtsinger. (Donnelly, page 205).

1. Anna Catherine Curtsinger: b December 16, 1879.

2. Samuel Robert Curtsinger: b December 7, 1883; single; d June 6, 1943.

3. Lida Mae Curtsinger: b May 11, 1886; m Henry Lawrence Hagan; d May 25, 1974.

4. Ignatius Ewing Curtsinger: b April 5, 1892; d June 6, 1895.

3. Mary Eugenia: b March 20, 1863, in Graves County; m October 3, 1882, James Buchanan Carrico; d January 5, 1930; both are buried at St. Jerome's. (Donnelly, pages 205-206).

1. Anna Ioga Carrico: b December 2, 1883; m William Alexander Cash.

2. Mary Ilenna Carrico: b August 3, 1886.

3. James Elmer Carrico: b August 19, 1887.

4. Thomas Aubrey Carrico: b October 20, 1890; m Mary Edna Carrico.

5. Minnie Eilene Carrico: b January 26, 1895.

6. Mary Nola Carrico: b February 21, 1899; m Charles Hampton Burch; no issue.

7. Eva Lois Carrico: b February 12, 1903; m William Lyndal Willett.

4. Annie: b November 11, 1864; m abt 1885 Martin John Mitchell.

5. Joseph Milton: b December 20, 1866, in Graves County, Kentucky; m at St. Jerome's Church in Fancy Farm, Kentucky, on October 5, 1866, Mary Ellen Hayden (d June 7, 1924), the daughter of George Thomas Hayden and Susan Ann Toon; d November 29, 1947; both are buried at St. Jerome's Cemetery. See next O.1.7.9.1.1.3.5.

6. John Lucillus: b January 21, 1869, in Graves County, Kentucky; graduated in 1894 from the Marion Sims College of Medicine (now St. Louis University Medical School); m 1st

abt 1890 Mary Ellen (Mollie) Buckingham; m 2d on January 2, 1896, Ophelia Louisa Linz; d September 3, 1899, in Graves County, Kentucky. See next O.1.7.9.1.1.3.6.

O.1.7.9.1.1.3.5
JOSEPH MILTON WILLETT and MARY ELLEN HAYDEN of Graves County, Kentucky

Joseph Milton Willett was born on December 20, 1866, in Graves County, Kentucky. He married at St. Jerome's Church in Fancy Farm, Kentucky, on October 5, 1866, Mary Ellen Hayden (d June 7, 1924), the daughter of George Thomas Hayden and Susan Ann Toon.

Joseph Milton Willett died November 29, 1947; both he and his wife are buried at St. Jerome's Cemetery. (Donnelly, page 206).

1. Everett Kirk: b July 15, 1887, in Graves County, Kentucky; m at St. Peter's Church in Memphis, Tennessee, on November 12, 1913, Rose Anna Bagsby; d August 11, 1946, and is buried at St. Jerome's Cemetery in Fancy Farm, Kentucky. See next O.1.7.9.1.1.3.1.

2. Edward Ligori: b October 6, 1888.

3. Gertrude Allena: b November 6, 1889.

4. Mary Philomena: b November 16, 1891; d April 8, 1893.

5. Joseph Eloy: b February 29, 1893; d November 23, 1898.

6. George Thomas: b January 20, 1895; m at St. Jerome's Church on July 12, 1912, Hester Gore.

7. Anna Lorene: b March 19, 1896.

8. Lillian Viola: b May 11, 1898; m Henry E. Hobbs in Paducah, Kentucky.

9. Philomena Mercedes: b April 10, 1901.

10. William Richard: b February 4, 1903; m July 2, 1946, Anna Bollins.

11. Joseph Herman: b March 28, 1909; d August 12, 1909.

O.1.7.9.1.1.3.5.1
EVERETT KIRK WILLETT and ROSE ANNA BAGSBY of Graves County, Kentucky

Everett Kirk Willett was born on July 15, 1887, in Graves County, Kentucky. He married at St. Peter's Church in Memphis, Tennessee, on November 12, 1913, Rose Anna Bagsby. Everett died on August 11, 1946, and is buried at St. Jerome's Cemetery in Fancy Farm, Kentucky. (Donnelly, page 295).

1. Helen Maureen: b May 9, 1912; m 1st James Flood; m 2d Mr. Grady.

2. Joseph Eloy: b December 27, 1914.

3. Mary Evangeline (Eva): b February 10, 1917.

4. John Lindle: b June 5, 1919, in Graves County, Kentucky; m on March 14, 1942, Aurora Frances Armstrong (b August 5, 1922, in Paducah, Kentucky). (Donnelly, page 417).

1. Robert Lindle: b December 12, 1942.

2. Daniel Ray: b March 10, 1947; d May 22, 1969.

3. Stephen Dale: b September 30, 1952.

4. Glenn Alan: b February 16, 1955.

5. Edward Earl: b October 20, 1921, in Graves County, Kentucky; m in Hickman County, Kentucky, on August 10, 1968, Juanita Jane Forsythe; d July, 1968, in Memphis; buried in Hickman County, Kentucky. (Donnelly, pages 417-418).

1. Theresa Jane: m John Lane.

6. William Lucillus: b January 10, 1924; d 1938.

7. Herbert Donald: b July 9, 1926.

8. Lenna Ann: b January 29, 1929.

O.1.7.9.1.1.3.6
JOHN LUCILLUS WILLETT of Graves County, Kentucky

John Lucillus Willett was born on January 21, 1869, in Graves County, Kentucky. He graduated in 1894 from the Marion Sims College of Medicine (now St. Louis University Medical School).

John L. Willett married 1st abt 1890 Mary Ellen (Mollie) Buckingham. He married 2d on January 2, 1896, Ophelia Louisa Linz; d September 3, 1899, in Graves County, Kentucky. (Donnelly, page 206).

1. Joseph Conrad: b March 5, 1893, in Lawrence, Kentucky. He studied medicine and became a veterinarian. In 1921, he was the 1st Director of Laboratories for the St. Louis Health Department; m 1st Reba Stanley (b June 18, 1893; d June 25, 1964); m 2d Marion Lucille Brandt; d December 29, 1952. (Donnelly, page 296).

1. Ellen Virginia: b July 6, 1916, in Washington, D. C.

2. Margaret Lucille: b May 21, 1918; m 1st John Monroe; m 2d Ralph Abel; no issue; d December 3, 1963, in Cincinnati, Ohio.

3. Charles Stanley: b January 5, 1927, in St. Louis.

4. James Joseph: b July 17, 1938.

5. Paul Conrad: b October 25, 1948.

2. Lawrence Oswald: b March 2, 1895; unmarried; d November 23, 1938, in St. Louis, Missouri.

3. Thomas Linz: b May 3, 1899, in Graves County, Kentucky.

O.1.7.9.1.1.5
FRANCIS P. KENDRICK WILLETT and SARAH ELLEN AUSTIN
of Graves County, Kentucky

Francis P. Kendrick Willett was born on July 28, 1837. He married on November 27, 1860, Sarah Ellen Austin. They resided in Graves County, Kentucky. He died on March 4, 1917, and is buried at St. Jerome's at Fancy Farm, Kentucky.
(Donnelly, page 151).

1. Eugene: b September 5, 1861, in Graves County, Kentucky; m at St. Jerome's Church in Fancy Farm, Kentucky, on January 7, 1884, Ellen Adelia Bowlds (b abt 1863; d February 26, 1896). (Donnelly, pages 207-208). See next O.1.7.9.1.1.5.1.

2. C. E: b April 20, 1863; d before 1900.

3. William Benedict: b September 2, 1865; m Mary Beatrice (Molly) Fenwick (b December 14, 1870; d April 8, 1938), the daughter of Thomas M. Fenwick and Amanda Willett of Union County, Kentucky; d April 21, 1905; both are buried in St. Jerome's Cemetery in Fancy Farm, Kentucky. See next O.1.7.9.1.1.5.3.

4. Oscar: b October 22, 1867, in Graves County, Kentucky; m 1st at St.Jerome's Church in Fancy Farm, Kentucky, on November 7, 1894, Mary Mahala Bowlds (b 1873; d November 4, 1895); m 2d at St. Jerome's on February 7, 1898, Harriet Elizabeth Buckman, the daughter of William Robert Buckman and Mary Ann Shanks; resided in Graves County; d August 2, 1898, and is buried at St. Jerome's Cemetery. Their only child was born after Oscar's death. (Donnelly, page 208).

1. Oscar Chesney: b December 16, 1898, in Fancy Farm; m at St. Jerome's on February 18, 1919, Mary Leona (Lena) Cash, the daughter of William Taylor Cash and Mary Irene Willett; d June 25, 1979, in Akron, Ohio. (Donnelly, pages 299-300).

1. Mary Henrietta: b March 6, 1920.

2. William Dean: b June 25, 1921.

3. Ann Margaret: b March 5, 1923.

4. James Raphael: b August 7, 1924.

5. Sylvia Bernice: b September 29, 1926.

6. John Franklin: b April 10, 1933.

7. Charles Kenneth: b July 29, 1934.

8. Richard Joseph: b January 15, 1940.

5. Anne Catherine: b April 5, 1870; d before 1900.

6. Margaret E: b June 24, 1872; d before 1900.

7. Mary Joseph: b August 24, 1874; m Cash.

8. Elizabeth Catherine: b July 6, 1877, in Graves County, Kentucky; m at St. Jerome's Church in Fancy Farm, Kentucky, on January 17, 1899, Benjamin Berkeley Burch (b February 21, 1875, in Daviess County, Kentucky), the son of Charles Montaque Burch and Clarissa Rosamand Blincoe; resided in Graves County. (Donnelly, page 209).

1. Austin Hampton Burch: b March 23, 1900.

2. Jospeh Norval Burch: b September 20, 1902.

3. Mary Estella Burch: b December 20, 1904.

4. Margaret Wilhelmina Burch: b August 9, 1906.

5. Walter Augustine Burch: b February 24, 1909.

6. Mary Eulalia (Eula) Burch: b February 12, 1912.

7. Ernest Francis Burch: b February 9, 1914.

8. Anne Elizabeth Burch: b April 8, 1916.

9. Nolan Edward Burch: b January 10, 1920.

9. Maud Estella: b December 14, 1879; m John Tyler Crowdus; d before 1900.

O.1.7.9.1.1.5.1
EUGENE WILLETT and ELLEN ADELIA BOWLDS
of Fancy Farm, Graves County, Kentucky

Eugene Willett was born on September 5, 1861, in Graves County, Kentucky. He married at St. Jerome's Church in Fancy Farm, Kentucky, on January 7, 1884, Ellen Adelia Bowlds (b abt 1863; d February 26, 1896). (Donnelly, pages 207-208).

1. Edward Dillon: b October 7, 1884; resided at Mountain Home, Arizona.

2. Iva Lorena: b March 13, 1886; m G. McKamby; d 1948.

3. Laurence Bernard: b April 12, 1888; resided at Mountain Home, Arizona.

4. Charles Robert Nolan: b February 26, 1890; married; no children.

5. Francis Willis: b March 9, 1892; m in Oklahoma on September 16, 1926, Beulah Melton.

6. Rose Mary: b February 13, 1894; m Martin Lynch; resided in Bistol, Tennessee.

7. Willett (infant): b abd d February 22, 1896; buried at St. Jerome's in Fancy Farm, Kentucky.

O.1.7.9.1.1.5.3
WILLIAM BENEDICT WILLETT and MARY BEATRICE FENWICK
of Graves County, Kentucky

William Benedict Willett was born on September 2, 1865. He married Mary Beatrice (Molly) Fenwick (b December 14, 1870; d April 8, 1938), the daughter of Thomas M. Fenwick and Amanda Willett of Union County, Kentucky.

He died on April 21, 1905; both are buried in St. Jerome's Cemetery in Fancy Farm, Kentucky. (Donnelly, page 208).

1. Mary Sylvia: b August 3, 1896; professed in the Ursuline Sisters at Maple Mount, Kentucky.

2. William Lyndal: b May 11, 1900, in Graves County, Kentucky; m 1st at St. Jerome's in Fancy Farm on April 12, 1921, Eva Lois Carrico (d January 9, 1981, in Paris, Tennessee), the daughter of James Buchanan Carrico and Eugenia Willett; resided in Mayfield, Kentucky; m 2d Eula Meador; d January 9, 1981, in Louisville, Kentucky. (Donnelly, page 298).

1. Frances Pearle: b May 11, 1922.

2. Mary Ellen (twin): b February 25, 1927.

3. Mary Ellen (twin): b February 25, 1927.

O.1.7.9.1.1.7
ELISHA JOSEPH WILLETT and THERESA ANN PIERCEALL of Graves County, Kentucky

Elisha Joseph Willett was born on January 31, 1842. He married about 1866 Theresa Ann Pierceall (b 1849). They resided in Graves County, Kentucky. He died on May 6, 1911. (Donnelly, page 152).

1. Charles Malcolm: b July 21, 1868, in Graves County, Kentucky; m at St. Jerome's Church in Fancy Farm, Kentucky, on October 21, 1894, Mary Rosalind (Birdie) Burch (b August 1, 1872; d December 27, 1950), the daughter of Charles Montague Burch and Clarissa Rosamond Blincoe; d November 6, 1952; both he and his wife are buried in St. Jerome's Cemetery. See next O.1.7.9.1.1.7.1.

2. Minnie M: b 1870; became Sister Augustine of the Franciscan Order.

3. Elizabeth Almina: b June 23, 1871, in Graves County, Kentucky; m at St. Jerome's in Fancy Farm, Kentucky, on October 24, 1892, Peter Lee Bolds (b September 23, 1867; d March 6, 1950); d March 30, 1968.

4. Samuel Joseph: b December 14, 1872, in Graves County, Kentuck; m at St. Jerome's Church in Fancy Farm, Kentucky, on November 8, 1899, Avie Duncan (b March 18, 1879; d August 10, 1925); resided in Graves County; d September 3, 1968; both are buried at St. Jerome's Cemetery. See next O.1.7.9.1.1.7.4.

5. Mary B: b 1874; unmarried.

6. Mathew Benedict: b September 21, 1876, in Graves County, Kentucky; m at St. Jerome's Church in Fancy Farm, Kentucky, on December 23, 1900, Emma Jane Hayden, the daughter of Joseph Hayden and Louisa Booker Burgess; resided in Graves County; d May 14, 1960; buried at St. Jerome's Cemetery. See next O.1.7.9.1.1.7.6.

7. John Alexander: b October 23, 1878, in Graves County; m at Junction City, Kansas, on February 14, 1906, Marie Elizabeth (Bess) Perkins (b July 23, 1888, in Fort Assynaboyn, Montana; d March 1, 1974, in Wichita, Kansas), the daughter of Silas Perkins and Marie Elizabeth Peal; d February 27, 1979, in Junction City, Kansas; buried in Beloit, Kansas. See next O.1.7.9.1.1.7.7.

8. Simon Raphael: b February 15, 1881, in Graves County, Kentucky; m at St. Jerome's Church in Fancy Farm, Kentucky, on February 15, 1881, Maria Ovilla Toon (b November 13, 1886), the daughter of Stephen Henry Toon and Ann Emma Elliot; d January 23, 1971, at Pee Wee Valley, Kentucky. See next O.1.7.9.1.1.7.8.

9. George Edward: b July, 1882; d February 24, 1957, in Arizona.

10. Mary Cordelia: b September 2, 1885.

11. Mary Florine: b March 4, 1890.

O.1.7.9.1.1.7.1
CHARLES MALCOLM WILLETT and THERESA ANN PIERCEALL
of Fancy Farm, Graves County, Kentucky

Charles Malcolm Willett was born on July 21, 1868, in Graves County, Kentucky; m at St. Jerome's Church in Fancy Farm, Kentucky, on October 21, 1894, Mary Rosalind (Birdie) Burch (b August 1, 1872; d December 27, 1950), the daughter of Charles Montague Burch and Clarissa Rosamond Blincoe; d November 6, 1952; both he and his wife are buried in St. Jerome's Cemetery. (Donnelly, pages 210-211).

1. Mary Erminie: b August 13, 1895.

2. Merlin Charles: b July 15, 1897; m Mary Cordella Roberts; d September 23, 1978.

3. Anna Rosamond: b September 8, 1900; m 1st Hugh De Water in Chicago, Illinois; m 2d on January 9, 1972, Loyd Valentine.

4. Joseph Leo: b March 22, 1903; d 1918.

5. Mary John: b October 15, 1905; m Loyd Otis Valentine; d Ocotber, 1971.

6. Frances Carolyn: b July 28, 1908; m Theodore Nannes.

7. Theresa Veronica: b January 5, 1913.

O.1.7.9.1.1.7.4
SAMUEL JOSEPH WILLETT and AVIE DUNCAN of Fancy Farm, Graves County, Kentucky

Samuel Joseph Willett was born on December 14, 1872, in Graves County, Kentuck. He married at St. Jerome's Church in Fancy Farm, Kentucky, on November 8, 1899, Avie Duncan (b March 18, 1879; d August 10, 1925).

They resided in Graves County. He died on September 3, 1968; both are buried at St. Jerome's Cemetery. (Donnelly, page 211).

1. Mary Zelma: b September 9, 1900; m Michael Lee.

2. Minnie Mabel: m Lowell Cruse.

3. Frances Ernestine: m Aubrey Cissell.

4. Annie Juantia: m Charles Stahr.

5. David Herve: m Ardath Christensen.

6. Joseph Lemuel: b July 14, 1917; d November 29, 1922.

O.1.7.9.1.1.7.6
MATTHEW BENEDICT WILLETT and EMMA JANE HAYDEN
of Fancy Farm, Graves County, Kentucky

Mathew Benedict Willett was born on September 21, 1876, in Graves County, Kentucky. He married at St. Jerome's Church in Fancy Farm, Kentucky, on December 23, 1900, Emma Jane Hayden, the daughter of Joseph Hayden and Louisa Booker Burgess.

They resided in Graves County where he died on May 14, 1960; buried at St. Jerome's Cemetery. (Donnelly, page 211).

1. Mary Ullainee: b February 25, 1903, in Graves County, Kentucky; m at St. Jerome's in Fancy Farm, Kentucky, on September 23, 1925, Joseph Delbert Ross (November 1, 1902; d March 23, 1975), the son of Solomon T. Ross and Julia Anna Burch; resided in St. Louis, Missouri; no issue; d November 8, 1978.

2. Joseph Norman: b January 3, 1906.

3. William Fabian: b December 13, 1909.

4. Margaret Victoria: b November 9, 1911, in Graves County, Kentucky; m at St. Jerome's on September 11, 1935, Joseph Hampton Burch (b May 29, 1911; d November 14, 1965), the son of Samuel Wade Burch and Mary Catherine Elliott; resides in Paducah, Kentucky.

5. Elisha Matthew: b September 13, 1913, in Graves County, Kentucky; m at St. Jerome's on May 19, 1938, May Belle Cash (b May 12, 1915), the daughter of Edward F. Cash and Belle Spalding; resides in Fancy Farm, Kentucky. (Donnelly, page 306).

    1. Joyce Ann: b December 25, 1948.

6. William George: b August 18, 1915; m Irene Harris.

7. Charles Willard: b February 3, 1919; m 1st Lura E. Settlers; m 2d G. M. Waters.

O.1.7.9.1.1.7.7
JOHN ALEXANDER WILLETT and MARIE ELIZABETH PERKINS of Junction City, Kansas

John Alexander Willett was born on October 23, 1878, in Graves County. He married at Junction City, Kansas, on February 14, 1906, Marie Elizabeth (Bess) Perkins (b July 23, 1888, in Fort Assynaboyn, Montana; d March 1, 1974, in Wichita, Kansas), the daughter of Silas Perkins and Marie Elizabeth Peal.

John Willett died on February 27, 1979, in Junction City, Kansas and is buried in Beloit, Kansas. (Donnelly, page 212).

1. Joseph Malcolm: b September 1, 1908, in Junction City, Kansas; m at St. John's in Beloit, Kansas, Geneva Rose Stover (b May 10, 1911, in Beloit; d December 12, 1972, in Beloit), the daughter of Henry Stover and Catherine Emkes; resided in Salina, and later Beloit, Kansas. (Donnelly, pages 306-307).

    1. Joseph Malcolm (Jo Mac): b February 13, 1936.

2. Mary Jane: b April 6, 1938.

3. Judith Ann: b September 29, 1940.

4. James Michael: b March 13, 1944.

5. Elizabeth Jean: b August 10, 1948.

6. Patrick Jerome: b April 20, 1951.

2. James Edwin: b September 15, 1910, in Kansas City, Missouri; m May 1, 1939, Joan Hageman, the daughter of Edward George Hageman and Frances Otilla Mick; they reside in Kansas. (Donnelly, page 307).

1. Madonna Joan: b March 22, 1940.

2. Kathleen Ann: b January 20, 1942.

3. Colleen Marie: b October 12, 1943.

4. Mary Lynne: b January 17, 1947.

5. James Edwin, Jr: b October 14, 1954.

3. Marie Kathleen: b March 5, 1913; m Romuald Verbomer; d November 24, 1962.

4. John Vincent: b September 20, 1915, in Junction City, Kansas; m at Sacred Heart Church in Salina, Kansas, on September 27, 1941, Betyy Jo Green (b January 1, 1920, in Salina), the daughter of James Rutherford Green and Lois Salome Creps; they reside in Citrus Heights, California. (Donnelly, page 307).

1. Richard James: b February 20, 1943; d August 5, 1966, in Vietnam.

2. Sue Lorrine: b February 15, 1945.

3. John Mark: b April 5, 1951.

4. Brian Thomas: b October 1, 1952.

5. Norbert Quentin: b November 1, 1918, in Junction City, Kansas; m on June 18, 1941, Margaret McDonald; reside in Junction City, Kansas.

1. John E: b December 12, 1942; m Constance Meiss.

2. Peter C: b April 4, 1947; m Kathleen Louise Nelson.

3. Margaret A: b January 18, 1950.

4. Elaine M:

5. Elizabeth J:

6. Kelly Michael:

6. Margaret Mary: b August 26, 1921, in Junction City, Kansas; m in San Antonio, Texas, on August 5, 1949, Jerome School (b November 17, 1924, in Brillion, Wisconsin), the son of Anthony School and Mary McDonnell.

7. Theresa Ann: b November 21, 1925; m 1st Virgil Way; m 2d F. Wiedenhaft.

O.1.7.9.1.1.7.8
SIMON RAPHAEL WILLETT and MARIA OVILLA TOON of Graves County, Kentucky

Simon Raphael Willett was born on February 15, 1881, in Graves County, Kentucky. He married at St. Jerome's Church in Fancy Farm, Kentucky, on February 15, 1881, Maria Ovilla Toon (b November 13, 1886), the daughter of Stephen Henry Toon and Ann Emma Elliot.

Simon Willett died on January 23, 1971, at Pee Wee Valley, Kentucky.
(Donnelly, page 212).

1. Anna Cecilia: b September 2, 1907.

2. Mary Ethelene: b November 3, 1908.

3. Mary: b February 11, 1913.

4. James Peter: b November 1, 1915.

5. (child): b April 8, 1918.

6. Francis O: b November 30, 1921.

O.1.7.9.1.1.10

JAMES ALEXANDER WILLETT and AUGUSTA ANN ELLIOT of Graves County, Kentucky

James Alexander Phillip Willett was born on March 28, 1848, in Graves County, Kentucky. He married at St. Jerome's on November 26, 1878, Augusta Ann Elliot. They resided in Graves County, Kentucky. He died on January 13, 1926.
(Donnelly, page 153).

1. Mary Idella: b February 29, 1880.

2. Hettie Eugenia: b August 22, 1881.

3. Samuel Arthur: b July 10, 1883; m Selma Pieper.

4. Teresa Elizabeth: b March 24, 1885.

5. Ernest Bernard: b February 12, 1888.

6. James Roy: b May 12, 1891.

7. Mary Alma: b April 14, 1893; d August 5, 1893.

O.1.7.9.1.1.11

CHARLES CONSTANTINE WILLETT and ANNA ISABEL CASH of Graves County, Kentucky

Charles Constantine Willett was born on April 19, 1850, in Graves County, Kentucky. He married at St. Jerome's Church in November, 1879, Anna Isabell (Belle) Cash (b October, 1856; d August 21, 1937). They resided in Graves County; d November, 1909.
(Donnelly, page 153).

1. Nora Ophelia: b November 20, 1876; m at St. Jerome's in Fancy Farmy, Kentucky, on February 18, 1895, James Divelor Willett (see O.1.7.10.5.5.2.3).

2. James Elmer: b August 22, 1877, in Graves County, Kentucky; m abt 1900 Elizabeth Anna Melbourne; resided in Graves County, Kentucky; d October 6, 1950. See next O.1.7.9.1.1.11.2.

3. Mary Estella: b May 31, 1879; died young.

4. Daisy Edna: b March 8, 1881, in Graves County, Kentucky; m at St. Jerome's in Fancy Farm, Kentucky, on October 15, 1901, Dr. Arthur Robert Higdon (b April 28, 1879; d May 12, 1940); d July 20, 1963, at Paducah, Kentucky; both are buried at St. Jerome's in Fancy Farm, Kentucky.

5. Sarah Elizabeth: b January 26, 1883.

6. Mary Imelda: b October 24, 1884, at Graves County, Kentucky; m on October 18, 1904, Thomas Romuald Willett, the son of Thomas Orville Willett and Mary Ellen Gipson of Waverly, Kentucky; they resided 1st in Paducah and then in Fancy Farm, Kentucky; she died on August 1, 1959.

7. William Irie: b September 17, 1887, in Graves County, Kentucky; m 1st abt 1906 Alberta Elizabeth Hobbs; m 2d at St. Jerome's in Fancy Farm, Kentucky, on February 23, 1914, Ida Mary Stahr (b January 14, 1891), the daughter of William Anthony Stahr and Clara Josephine Davis; d August 15, 1976. See next O.1.7.9.1.1.11.7.

8. Bertha Ann: b April 15, 1889.

9. Ethel: b October 4, 1891.

10. Thomas Ezra: b August 31, 1894, in Graves County, Kentucky; m at St. Jerome's in Fancy Farm on November 20, 1920, Mary Christine Merritt (b March 13, 1902), the daughter of Dr, Beavregard Ross Merritt and Edna Elizabeth Spalding; he was a farmer and livestock dealer; d September 17, 1937. See next O.1.7.9.1.1.11.10.

O.1.7.9.1.1.11.2
JAMES ELMER WILLETT and ELIZABETH ANNA MELBOURNE of Graves County, Kentucky

James Elmer Willett was born on August 22, 1877, in Graves County, Kentucky. He married about 1900 Elizabeth Anna Melbourne.

They resided in Graves County, Kentucky, where he died on October 6, 1950. (Donnelly, pages 215-216).

1. Charles Anthony Melbourne: b September 3, 1903; d April 30, 1904.

2. James Judson: b October 14, 1904.

3. John Buell: b November 26, 1909.

4. Thomas Aloysius: b February 2, 1909.

5. Anna Etheldreda (Rita): b August 13, 1911.

6. Hazel: b September 22, 1913; d October 7, 1915.

7. Edna Rosamond: b October 7, 1915.

8. Ernest Ezra: b April 14, 1919; ordained a Catholic Priest on February 24, 1945.

O.1.7.9.1.1.11.7
WILLIAM IRIE WILLETT of Fancy Farm, Graves County, Kentucky

William Irie Willett was born on September 17, 1887, in Graves County, Kentucky. He married 1st about 1906 Alberta Elizabeth Hobbs.

William Willett married 2d at St. Jerome's in Fancy Farm, Kentucky, on February 23, 1914, Ida Mary Stahr (b January 14, 1891), the daughter of William Anthony Stahr and Clara Josephine Davis. He died on August 15, 1976. (Donnelly, page 217).

1. Joseph Harold: b September 23, 1908, in Fancy Farm, Kentucky; m at St. Jerome's in Fancy Farm on July 30, 1929, Mary Eula Mills (b February 12, 1909, in Fancy Farm), the

daughter of Charles Leonard Mills and Dorothy Ann Brashears; reside in Fancy Farm; Joseph was a farmer. (Donnelly, page 319).

1. Elizabeth Marian: b July 22, 1930;d June, 1936.

2. Thomas Elton: b February 26, 1934, m Mary Ann Hayden.

3. Mary Jeanne: b September 28, 1936.

4. Joseph Leonard: b August 21, 1941.

5. Judith Charlene: b January 16, 1942.

6. James Kenneth: b June 6, 1945.

7. William David: b June 29, 1946.

8. Mary Ann: b December 18, 1949.

9. Elizabeth Carol: b November 22, 1951.

2. Clara Isabella: b April 27, 1915, in Fancy Farm; professed in the Sisiters of Charity of Nazareth, Kentucky; coordinator of activities at Nazareth Village in Nazareth, Kentucky.

3. Charles Conrad: b July 4, 1916, in Fancy Farm; m in Lincoln, Nebraska, on July 4, 1941, Helene Genevieve Schueler, the daughter of Justus Schueler and Catherine Wibbels; farms in Fancy Farm. (Donnelly, page 322).

1. William Anthony: b June 17, 1943.

2. Catherine Mary: b May 28, 1944.

3. Charles Conrad (II): b September 5, 1945.

4. Clara Theresa: b October 8, 1946.

5. Mary Agnes: b January 14, 1948.

6. John Michael: b September 27, 1949.

7. Cecilia Ann: b May 28, 1951.

8. Rita Frances: b August 28, 1952.

9. Justus Emmanuel: b October 19, 1954.

10. Rebecca Irene: b April 9, 1958; m Philip Gustafson.

4. William Edward: b January 24, 1918, in Fancy Farm; m in Reno, Nevada, in 1942 Phyllis Owens; William Willett was a Captain in the Marine Corps and is now a stock broker; resides in California. (Donnelly, page 322).

1. Marilyn Rachel: b July, 1944.

2. William Edward, II:

5. Mary Elizabeth: b January 26, 1920; m in Cincinnati, Ohio, on April 22, 1939, Arthur Charles Federale.

6. Rachel Marie: b November 9, 1921; professed in the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth.

7. Joseph Emmanuel: b January 2, 1926, in Fancy Farm; m at St. Jerome's Church on April 19, 1954, Dorothy Susan Thomas (b January 27, 1931, in Fancy Farm), the daughter of Benedict Thomas and Annie Ivie; Joseph is a psychologist and resides in Cincinnati, Ohio. (Donnelly, pages 322-323).

1. Susan Maria: b February 27, 1955.

2. Jane Ann: b February 27, 1956.

3. Martha Joan: b August, 1957.

4. Christopher Joseph: b April 5, 1960.

5. Rachel Elizabeth: b May 6, 1966.

8. (infant): b and d September 26, 1927.

9. Mary Lenora: b September 12, 1928, in Fancy Farm, Kentucky; m in Louisville, Kentucky, on February 27, 1954, Wilbur Turney (b May 17, 1915, in Alabama); they reside in Annadale, Virginia; Wilbur is an optician; Mary is a secretary for the Joint Chiefs of Staff at the Pentagon. (Donnelly, page 323).

1. Patricia Ann Turney: b November 26, 1954; m 1979 Greg Procaccino in Cincinnati, Ohio.

2. Kathleen Ida: b February 15, 1957.

3. Mark Andrew: b June 4, 1960.

10. Celesta May: b May 19, 1932, in Fancy Farm; m at St. Jerome's on May 15, 1954, Joseph Edward Russell (b June 23, 1930, in Mayfield, Kentucky); reside in Paducah, Kentcuky.

11. William Irie: b November 8, 1934, in Fancy Farm; m in Paducah, Kentucky, on November 8, 1957, Mary Elizabeth Smith (b March 7, 1930, in Shawneetown, Illinois), the daughter of Walter B. Smith; reside in Cairo, Illinois. (Donnelly, page 323).

1. William Irie (II): b May 16, 1962, in Morganfield, Kentucky.

O.1.7.9.1.1.11.10
THOMAS EZRA WILLETT and MARY CHRISTINE MERRITT
of Fancy Farm, Graves County, Kentucky

Thomas Ezra Willett was born on August 31, 1894, in Graves County, Kentucky. He married at St. Jerome's in Fancy Farm on November 20, 1920, Mary Christine Merritt (b March 13, 1902), the daughter of Dr, Beavregard Ross Merritt and Edna Elizabeth Spalding.

Thomas Willett was a farmer and livestock dealer. He died on September 17, 1937. Christine was postmaster of Fancy Farm, Kentucky, from 1934 until 1964. She married 2d Greg Whittemore. (Donnelly, pages 217-218).

1. Helen Marie: b January 16, 1922; d September 6, 1923.

2. Edna Linda: b September 6, 1923; m Leo Carrico.

3. Thomas Merritt: b March 25, 1925; d January 3, 1944.

4. Stella Catherine: b January 23, 1927; m William Howard Cash.

5. Joseph Leon: b October 16, 1929, in Fancy Farm, Kentucky; m in Fancy Farm on May 25, 1949, Mary Elizabeth Carrico; reside in Jackson, Tennessee. (Donnelly, page 323).

    1. Cynthia Anne: b August 14, 1950.

    2. Mary Elizabeth: b July 27, 1952.

    3. Jo Ellen: b May 27, 1954.

    4. Julie Kathyrn: b July 20, 1965, in Murphyboro, Illinois.

6. Mary Ethel: b August 24, 1932, in Fancy Farm; m on October 16, 1954, James Gerald Cash (b July 12, 1930, in Chicago, Illinois), the son of Harold James Cash and Mary Charlene Carrico; reside in Peotone, Illinois.

7. William Gerald: b June 21, 1934, in Fancy Farm; m in New York, New York, on December 28, 1957, Lynne Ullman (b June 22, 1937, in Rome, New York), the daughter of Robert Leopold Ullman and Maria Francisca Vogl; reside in Herndon, Virginia. (Donnelly, page 324).

    1. Jeffrey Brett: b June 12, 1958, in Fort Worth, Texas.

    2. Jennifer Alaine: b June 25, 1965, in Huntington, New York.

    3. Garret Scott: b August 14, 1968, in Washington, D. C.

    4. William Merrett: b October 9, 1974, in Falls Church, Virginia.

O.1.7.9.1.8
JOHN WILLIAM WILLETT of Graves County, Kentucky

John William Willett was born on September 6, 1821, at Washington County, Kentucky. He was raised as in the Catholic religion. He married 1st Florida Ann Carrico, the daughter of Cornelius and Teresa (O'Bryan) Carrico.

John married 2d Elizabeth Galena Burgess. He married 3d Angie Potter. In later years, he was known to almost everyone in Jackson's Purchase as "Uncle Jack."

He is identified with his brother, Samuel, in the founding of St. Jerome's congregation. He moved from Fancy Farm in 1888 to Mayfield, the county seat of Graves County. He died there on October 5, 1909, and is buried at Fancy Farm, Kentucky.

(Donnelly, page 110).

1. Thomas Jefferson: b July 29, 1846, at Graves County, Kentucky; m Juy 15, 1895, Emma Elizabeth Wilson; d October 13, 1908; buried at Fancy Farm, Kentucky. See next O.1.7.9.1.8.1.

2. Amanda Jane: b January 27, 1850; m abt 1870 Curtsinger.

3. Anna Evalina: b February 22, 1852; d before 1860.

4. Amelia Frances: b August 10, 1853; m abt 1875 Pierceall.

5. Samuel Cornelius: b March 8, 1855.

6. Susan Asenia: b March, 1857.

7. Teresa Naomi: b January 18, 1859; m abt 1880 Toon.

8. Mary Irene: b February 4, 1860; m abt 1880 Cash.

9. Jacqueline Anne: b 1864; d before 1880; unmarried.

10. Fred Lee: b 1880; d 1881.

11. John Feehan (twin): b March 22, 1882, in Graves County, Kentucky; m December 25, 1901, Bridget Appolonia Hayden of Mayfield, Graves County, Kentucky; d September 17, 1953. See next O.1.7.9.1.8.11.

12. Henry DeLeon (twin): b March 22, 1882; m abt 1903. See next O.1.7.9.1.8.

13. Mary Maude Lee: b September 7, 1884; d same year.

14. Benjamin Joseph: b May 28, 1890, in Graves County, Kentucky; m December 1, 1906, Lula May Toon (b October 4, 1891; d 1939); d 1968. See next O.1.7.9.1.8.14.

O.1.7.9.1.8.1
THOMAS JEFFERSON WILLETT of Graves County, Kentucky

Thomas Willett was born on July 29, 1846, in Graves County, Kentucky. He was raised in the Catholic religion. He married 1st about 1870 Frances Pierceall. He married 2d on July 15, 1895, Emma Elizabeth (Wilson) Carrico (b October 8, 1864; d November 16, 1951, and buried at Fancy Farm), the daughter of James and Ann (Hayden) Wilson.

He died on October 13, 1908, in Mayfield, Graves County, Kentucky, and is buried at Fancy Farm. (Donnelly, page 155).

1. Zebedde (Dee): b 1876 in Graves County, Kentucky; m November 8, 1897, Eugenia Victoria Hayden; d 1934. See next O.1.7.9.1.8.1.1.

2. Anna Noel: b September 6, 1880; m abt 1900 Elliot.

3. Mary M. C: b March 4, 1883.

4. Myrtle May: b September 11, 1884.

5. Charles Ralph: b October 12, 1900; d October 29, 1902.

6. Mary Mabel: b October 12, 1900; d October 29, 1902.

7. Sister Ann Rubel, S. C. N: b October 3, 1902.

8. James Alton: b December 8, 1904, at Hickman, Kentucky; m September 28, 1924, Teresa Toon; d April 3, 1970; buried at Mount Carmel, Bellevile (St. Clair), Illinois. See next O.1.7.9.1.8.1.6.

9. Thomas Claude: b November 30, 1908, in Graves County, Kentucky; m at St. Joseph's Church in Mayfield, Kentucky, on April 20, 1935, Lillian Etol Melton (b May 9, 1917), the daughter of Amos and Mattie (Kilgore) Melton.

1. Judith Elizabeth: b March 31, 1937.

O.1.7.9.1.8.1.1
ZEBEDEE WILLETT and EUGENIA VICTORIA HAYDEN of Graves County, Kentucky

Zebedee (Dee) Willett was born in 1876 in Graves County, Kentucky. He married on November 8, 1897, Eugenia Victoria Hayden. He died in 1934. (Donnelly, page 227).

1. Thomas Edwin: b October 2, 1900; m Adele Politte; no issue; resided in St. Louis, Missouri; d July 8, 1948.

2. Frances Noel: b October 10, 1903.

3. Mary Alma: b June 6, 1907; d July 26, 1982, unmarried.

4. Anna Estelle: b July 25, 1910, in Graves County, Kentucky; m in St. Clair County, Illinois, on May 14, 1933, Stephen Glenn Britten (b March 19, 1905, in St. Clair County, Illinois); d July 28, 1975, in Caseyville, Illinois.

5. Josephine Lucille: b October 7, 1912, in Graves County, Kentucky; m in East St. Louis, Illinois, on November 26, 1927, m Carl Moore (b March 1, 1910, in Eldorado, Illinois); reside in East St. Louis.

O.1.7.9.1.8.1.6

JAMES ALTON WILLETT and TERESA GERTRUDE TOON of Graves County, Kentucky

James Alton Willett was born on December 8, 1904, at Hickman, Kentucky. He married on September 28, 1924, Teresa Toon, the daughter of Athanius (Dock) and Theodosia (Maxey) Toon. He was a bricklayer and a foreman for Alcoa.

He died on April 3, 1970, and is buried at Mount Carmel, Bellevile (St. Clair), Illinois. (Donnelly, page 227).

1. Delbert Leo: b August 11, 1925, at East St. Louis (St. Clair), Illinois; Delbert professed in the Marianist Brothers at Galesville, Wisconsin, on August 15, 1944; received his Bachelor's Degree at the University of Dayton, and a Masters Degree at St. Louis University in 1954; presently he is a professor at Chaminade Preparatory College, St. Louis, Kentucky.

2. Eugene Emmanuel: b July 31, 1927, at Fancy Farm, Kentucky; m Dorothy Mae Webb (b September 19, 1926, in Jonesboro, Illinois), the daughter of Emery and Mildred (Shepherd) Webb. See next O.1.7.9.1.8.1.6.2.

O.1.7.9.1.8.1.6.2

EUGENE EMMANUEL WILLETT and DOROTHY MAE WEBB of Graves County, Kentucky

Eugene Emmanuel Willett was born on July 31, 1927, at Fancy Farm, Kentucky. He married Dorothy Mae Webb (b September 19, 1926, in Jonesboro, Illinois), the daughter of Emery and Mildred (Shepherd) Webb. (Donnelly, page 331).

1. Michael Eugene: b February 6, 1951; a teacher; single.

2. Teresa Diane: b Spril 30, 1954.

3. Donna Marie: b September 4, 1955.

4. Marsha Ann: b October 12, 1961.

O.1.7.9.1.8.11
JOHN FEEHAN WILLETT and BRIDGET APPOLONIA HAYDEN
of Graves County, Kentucky

John Feehan Willett was born on March 22, 1882, in Graves County, Kentucky. He is the twin brother Henry DeLeon Willett. John was married on December 25, 1901, Bridget Appolonia Hayden of Mayfield, Graves County, Kentucky. He died on September 17, 1953. (Donnelly, page 158).

1. Lawrence DeLeon: b November 4, 1902, in Mayfield, Kentucky; m1st at St. Joseph's in Mayfield on July 26, 1924, Pauline Scheer; m 2d Susan Douglas (no issue). (Donnelly, page 233).

2. William McNeil: b October 30, 1904, in Mayfield, Kentucky; m June 15, 1936, Mamie Kaythyrn Heardn (b December 21, 1906, in Kaukauna, Wisconsin); reside at Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin; d January 16, 1972. See next O.1.7.9.1.8.11.2.

3. Agnes Cecilia: b November 18, 1906.

4. Elizabeth Pearl: b August 18, 1909.

5. Lilian Helena: b May 10, 1913, in Graves County, Kentucky.

6. John Willis: b January 16, 1916; m Mary E. Oehlschaeger (no issue).

7. Mary Pauline: b February 26, 1920.

8. Mary Irma: b September 8, 1922; resides in Mayfield, Kentucky.

O.1.7.9.1.8.11.2
WILLIAM MCNEIL WILLETT and MARIE KATHRYN HEARDN of Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin

William McNeil Willett was born on October 30, 1904, in Mayfield, Kentucky. He married on June 15, 1936, Mamie Kaythyrn Heardn (b December 21, 1906, in Kaukauna, Wisconsin). They resided at Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin. He died on January 16, 1972. (Donnelly, page 233).

1. Contance Marie: b March 11, 1936, in Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin; m on August 13, 1954, J. Orion Brunk (b September 6, 1934, in Sterling, Illinois), the son of of Roy Heatwole Brunk and Anna Mae Faulkner; reside in Beverly Hills, California.

2. William McNeil, Jr: b December 11, 1937, in Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin; m on September 8, 1962, Susan Mary Koehn (b February 11, 1939, in West Allis, Wisconsin); reside in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. (Donnelly, page 345).

1. Lisa Margaret: b December 12, 1963.

2. Marie Lynn: b May 5, 1965.

3. William McNeil (III): b December 10, 1969.

4. Gregory John: b September 16, 1971.

3. Mary Kathyrn: b June 15, 1941, in Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin; m at St. Jerome's in Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin, on October 17, 1964, Dr. Michael Grabowski (b March 9, 1940, in Minneapolis, Minnesota; reside in Mercer Island, Washington.

4. Thomas John: b June 26, 1947, in Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin; m in Seattle, Washington, on September 13, 1980, Trudy Ann Suchan (b October 7, 1955, in Everett, Washington), the daughter of Harold Frederick Suchan and Jeanette Mae Watkins; reside in Bellevue, California.

O.1.7.9.1.8.12
HENRY DELEON WILLETT of Kentucky

Henry DeLeon Willett was born on March 22, 1882. He was a twin brother John Feehan Willett. He married about 1903. (Donnelly, page 158).

1. Ferdinand Chester: b November 16, 1905; d 1906.

2. Anne Marie: b February 6, 1908.

O.1.7.9.1.8.14
BENJAMIN JOSEPH WILLETT and LULA MAY TOON of Graves County, Kentucky

Benjamin Joseph Willett was born on May 28, 1890, in Graves County, Kentucky. He married on December 1, 1906, Lula May Toon (b October 4, 1891; d 1939). He died in 1968. (Donnelly, page 159).

1. Joseph Leo: b July 5, 1907, in Mayfield, Kentucky; m October 3, 1930, Mary Lois Spalding. See next O.1.7.9.1.8.14.1.

2. Louis Albert: b February 5, 1909; m Marinda Elder; d at sea during World War II on March 19, 1945. See next O.1.7.9.1.8.14.2.

3. Mary Veneta: b January 14, 1912.

4. Paul: b June 2, 1914; m Ruth Griffith. (Donnelly, page 235).

    1. Jane Ann:

    2. Paula Dean:

5. Alma Alberta: b March 24, 1918.

O.1.7.9.1.8.14.1
JOSEPH LEO WILLETT and LULA MAY TOON of Graves County, Kentucky

Joseph Leo Willett was born on July 5, 1907, in Mayfield, Kentucky. He married at St. Joseph's in Mayfield on October 3, 1930, Mary Lois Spalding. They reside in Mayfield. (Donnelly, page 234).

1. Mary Jacqueline: b June 20, 1931; d June 26, 1934.

2. James Leonard: b June 16, 1933, in Mayfield Kentucky; m at St. Jerome's in Fancy Farm, Knetucky, on Jly 2, 1956, Mildred Ann Elliott (b September 1, 1936, in Graves County, Kentucky), the daughter of James Samuel Elliott and Patricia Higdon; they reside in Franklin, Tennessee. (Donnelly, page 347).

    1. Peggy Ann: b October 8, 1957; m David Blain Mangus.

2. Jacqueline Marie: b September 23, 1958.

3. Mark Edward: b November 8, 1959.

4. Michael Len: b March 28, 1963.

5. Alan Joseph: b May 31, 1968.

3. William Edward: b June 24, 1936; m Jo Anne Whalen; d July 27, 1980; no issue.

O.1.7.9.1.8.14.2
LOUIS ALBERT WILLETT and MARINDA ELDER of Graves County, Kentucky

Louis Albert Willett was born on February 5, 1909. He married Marinda Elder. Louis Albert Willett died at sea during World War II on March 19, 1945. (Donnelly, page 234).

1. Joseph Hilton: b September 30, 1927; d October 4, 1936.

2. Robert Louis: b March 18, 1930, in Mayfield, Kentucky; m in South Bend, Indiana, on December 9, 1950, Ruth Pease (b February 1, 1928, in Monroe County, Michigan), the daugther of Neil Pease and Martha Pauline Frey; reside in Pasedena, California. (Donnelly, page 347).

1. Deborah Lynne: b January 30, 1952.

3. Maurice Earl: b September 22, 1933, in Mayfield, Kentucky; m at St. Theodore's in Chicago, Illinois, on July 25, 1956, Margaret L. Doolan.

1. Michael Louis: b December 29, 1956.

2. Joseph Edward:

3. James Earl:

4. Mary Louise: b July 25, 1936, in Mayfield, Kentucky; m in San Gabriel, California, on July 25, 1955, Karl Allen Koch (b June 16, 1936, in Syracuse, New York), the son of Karl A. Koch; d March 111, 1982, in Los Angeles, California.

0.1.7.10
GEORGE E. WILLETT and ELIZABETH SANDERS
of Prince Georges County, Maryland, and Nelson County, Kentucky

George E. Willett was born in 1756 in Prince Georges County, Maryland, on the family estate "Bealington" (Donnelly, page 43). He was a Sergeant in Colonel Coxe's Militia that served under George Rogers Clark at Fort Nelson, Virginia (later Louisville, Kentucky). On September 1, 1782, the Indians massacred six or seven families of settlers at Simpson's Creek (in what is now Nelson County, Kentucky, and since that date known as Burnt Station). George Willett was one of the soldiers who protected the settlements after this massacre.

George Willett married about 1785 Elizabeth Sanders (Saunders) (d March 25, 1815, of the cold plague), the daughter of Samuel Sanders. George built his home on a Virginia Land Grant.

About 1792, they removed to Pottenger's Creek, Nelson County, Kentucky. Pottenger's Fort had been built in 1781. There were around 30 members of the Pottenger family in the Fort and about 70 members of the Willett family, including George and Elizabeth Willett and their children. George Willett's brothers, Samuel and James, were living there also. He was still in the militia in 1794 when the Indians were defeated at Fallen Timbers in northwest Ohio.

Eventually, George came to own a large plantation about 10 miles south of Bardstown, Jefferson (now Nelson) County, Kentucky. He wrote his will on July 1, 1811; it was probated on August 19, 1811. Although, most of the Kentucky Willett's were Catholic, George E. Willett appears to have had no church affiliation.

Both George and his wife are buried in unmarked graves in the old orchard on their property.

> Will of George Willett of Nelson County, Kentucky:
> To: wife Elizabeth Willett, my plantation, with all my money during her widowhood; then to my young son George; also I desire my wife to purchase 400 acres over the Ohio for my four other boys; John Samuel, Griffith, and Richard, and give it to them as they com of age;
> To: two youngest daughters, Elizabeth and Mary, $100.00 a piece.
> Wife Elizabeth and John Willett sole executors; dated July 1, 1811.
>
> George Willett

1. Nancy: b abt 1786 in Frederick County, Maryland; m January 9, 1802, Jacob Grafft; no issue (Donnelly, page 71).

2. Mary: b abt 1788; m July 19, 1819, Robert Brown.

3. Susan: b March 14, 1792, near Bardstown, in Nelson County, Kentucky.; m 1st on June 18, 1810, David Grafft (b September 19, 1781; d February 4, 1850); m 2d October 1, 1852, Dr. Jesse Crume (d 1864), the widower of her cousin Mary Willett; Susan removed to Morgan County, Illinois, where she died on August 10, 1881. (Donnelly, page 71).

4. John S: b 1794 near Bardstown, in Nelson County, Kentucky; m March 3, 1822, Magdaline Chambers, the daughter of Ahimas Chambers. "John became the guardian of his

brother George W. Willett and his youngest sister Mary Willett (Will D:424)" (Donnelly, page 72). He resided in Louisville, Kentucky. "John S. Willett, deceased, of Jefferson County, Kentucky, devised to his sister, Elizabeth Price, and at her death to her daughter, Mary Price, a house and Lot in New Haven, Nelson County, Kentucky, known as Sterrett Baird Lot" (Donnelly, page 72).

5. Samuel: b September 8, 1796, near Bardstown, Nelson County, Kentucky; m March 27, 1818, Mary ("Polly") Dant; resided in Waverly, Union County, Kentucky; d November 29, 1868. See next O.1.7.10.5.

6. Griffith: b October 5, 1798, near Bardstown, in Nelson County, Kentucky; m February 14, 1818, Rhoda Stiles. See next O.1.7.10.6.

7. Richard: b December 28, 1800, near Bardstwon, Nelson County, Kentucky; m June 22, 1821, Theresa ("Tressy") Hill; d after 1886. See next O.1.7.10.7.

8. James: b 1802, died young.

9. Betsey: b abt 1803 near Bardstown, Nelson County, Kentucky; m March 30, 1821, William P. Price.

10. George W: b October 8, 1806; m abt 1823 Nancy Hancock; d October 18, 1892. See next O.1.7.10.10.

11. Elizabeth: b abt 1806 near Bardstown, Nelson County, Kentucky; m Dr. Harvey Slaughter.

12. Mary Eliza: b abt 1808 near Bardstown, Nelson County, Kentucky.

O.1.7.10.5
SAMUEL WILLETT and MARY DANT of Nelson County, Kentucky

Samuel Willett was born on September 8, 1796, near Bardstown, Nelson County, Kentucky. He married in Nelson County, Kentucky, on March 27, 1818, Mary ("Polly") Dant (b June 14, 1798; d December 29, 1875). They removed to Waverly, Union County, Kentucky. (Donnelly, pages 72-73).

All of their children were baptized at Sacred Heart in Saint Vincent, Kentucky. He died on November 29, 1867, and is buried in Highland Church Cemetery at Waverly in Union County.

> There was a settlement "owned as early as 1810 by Samuel Willett, of Nelson County, Kentucky, his wife Mary Dant, coming from a noted Catholic family of Maryland; she had two brothers in Congress at one time, from what districts in their state we never learned.
>
> It is generally thought Mr. Willett was the first settler on that place, although that place and most all the others mentioned had, previous to their coming, what were termed squatters, coming from, nobody knows where, clearing one-half or perhaps an acre of ground, throwing up a miserable hut, living on what the wilderness afforded, and staying

until somebody come that meant business, and then going on to some other unclaimed spot.

Mr. Willett had a large family of children, both male and female, the majority of those constitiuting at the present time (1886) some of the most aged and respected citizens of this community. Mr. Willett amassed a considerable fortune, variously estimated, but generally believed to be about $50,000.00, which was a large sum for those days. Everything his large family, including his slaves, wore and ate, were od home manufacture and product. The common maple sugar and syrup of those days (now made on the same plan) constitutes one of our choicest luxuries. He, like all the primitive settlers, raised flax, cotton and wool, spun and wove it all into cloth; and the custom was for the weaver to take pay off the piece, which meant so much of the cloth she had woven for her work" (History of Union County, Kentucky, 1886, page 633).

Mary (Dant) Willett was disappointed she did not have a 20th child.

1. George W. F: b March 8, 1819; m 1st Ann Ellen Mills (d August 19, 1859, buried a St. Vincent's); m 2d Margaret Camberon Mudd (d 1916); d 1891. See next O.1.7.10.5.1.

2. John Sanders: b March 15, 1820, near Waverly, Kentucky; m in Union County, Kentucky, Elizabeth Greenwell, the daughter of Lewis Greenwell and Mary Ann Mills; d 1889. See next O.1.7.10.5.2.

3. William D: b September 3, 1821, near Waverly, Kentucky; m in Union County, Kentucky, Ann Mariah Greenwell; d May 7, 1949; buried in Sacred Heart Cemetery at St. Vincent, Kentucky. See next O.1.7.10.5.3.

4. Henry Sherman: b May 10, 1822; m Eliza Murray; d 1849.

1. Samuel Lafayette: b December, 1848.

5. Edward Clark: b October 26, 1823, near Bardstown, Nelson County, Kentucky; m in Nelson County, abt 1816; came to Union County at 1818 and settled a half mile from Waverly; d November 29, 1867; m 1st October 8, 1844, Mahala McMurray (b 1822; d April 13, 1884); m 2d October 8, 1884, Martha Dixon Green, the daughter of Dr. John Willia and Catherine (Randolph) Green; d October 13, 1899. See next O.1.7.10.5.5.

6. Louise Deborah: b July 22, 1824, near Waverly, Kentucky; m Joseph Mills (b 1823).

7. Henry: b June 12, 1825.

8. Martha Elizabeth: b December 6, 1826; m John Tilghman Bowles.

9. Amanda Ann: b March 27, 1828; d October 21, 1828.

10. James M: b August 5, 1829, near Waverly, Kentucky; m Martha Compton. See next O.1.7.10.5.10.

11. Louisa: b July 22, 1832.

12. Samuel Griffin: b November 11, 1833, near Waverly, Kentucky; m 1st on November 26, 1861, at Sacred Heart Church in St. Vincent, Kentucky; m 2d September 16, 1867, Julia Clements. See next O.1.7.10.5.12.

13. Francis Rowen: b February 14, 1835; d October 4, 1835.

14. Thomas Hamilton: b 1836.

15. Thomas B. (twin): b April 14, 1837.

16. Francis Perry (twin): b April 14, 1837.

17. Simon Boliver: b December 2, 1839, near Waverly; m 1st in Union County, Kentucky, on November 19, 1861, Susan (Sudie) M. Blackman (b September 10, 1844; d 1881); m 2d 1904 Martha Lawrence.

1. Mary ALice: b August 5, 1867; m Joseph Hagan; d 1950.

18. Mary Ann: b January 26, 1841; m John Christopher Compton.

19. Alexander Hamilton: b July 12, 1842, near Waverly, Kentucky; m 1st in Union County, Kentucky, on October 22, 1861, Louisa Higginson; m 2d Julia Arnett (b June, 1864); resided in Henderson, Kentucky. See next O.1.7.10.5.19.

O.1.7.10.5.1
GEORGE W. F. WILLETT of Union County, Kentucky

George W. F. Willett was born on March 8, 1819, in Union County, Kentucky. He married 1st Ann Ellen Mills (d August 19, 1859, buried a St. Vincent's)
He married 2d Margaret Cambron Mudd (d 1916). (Donnelly, page 113).

1. (daughter): b December 24, 1839; d December 24, 1839.

2. Martha E: b January 13, 1841.

3. Samuel Lewis: b September 12, 1841.

4. Mary Ellen: b November 23, 1843.

5. Martina: b January 29, 1845.

6. John James: b January 23, 1846, in Union County, Kentucky; m abt 1865 Sibbie Jane Higginson; resided in Union County, Kentucky. (Donnelly, page 162).

1. George Franklin: b August 22, 1869.

2. John: b May 7, 1872.

3. Ann Mary: b October 28, 1874.

4. Margaret Agnes: b January 10, 1877.

7. Matilda Josephine: b August 23, 1848.

8. George: b May 20, 1851.

9. Ann: b 1857.

O.1.7.10.5.2
JOHN SANDERS WILLETT and ELIZABETH GREENWELL
of St. Vincent, Union County, Kentucky

John Sanders Willett was born on March 15, 1820, near Waverly, Kentucky. He married in Union County, Kentucky, Elizabeth Greenwell, the daughter of Lewis Greenwell and Mary Ann Mills. He died in 1889 and is buried at Sacred Heart Cemetery in St. Vincent, Kentucky. (Donnelly, page 113).

1. Sarah Elizabeth: b December 26, 1844.

2. John Calistus: b October, 1846.

3. George D: b October 31, 1848.

4. James Willoughby: b October 13, 1850.

5. Althaire: b May, 1853.

6. Victoria: b January 1, 1858.

7. Matilda Ellen: b March 7, 1863.

8. Frances Isabella: b December 25, 1864.

9. Camilla: b February 7, 1868; became a religious sister.

O.1.7.10.5.3
WILLIAM D. WILLETT and ANN MARIA GREENWELL
of St. Vincent, Union County, Kentucky

William D. Willett was born on September 3, 1821, near Waverly, Kentucky. He married in Union County, Kentucky, Ann Mariah Greenwell (b 1819), the daughter of Lewis Greenwell and Mary Ann Mills.

He died on May 7, 1949, and is buried in Sacred Heart Cemetery at St. Vincent, Kentucky. (Donnelly, pages 113-114).

1. Mary Elizabeth: b May 13, 1842.

2. Amanda Ann: b March 31, 1844.

3. Lewis Biven: b 1845.

4. William Brewster: b September 23, 1847.

O.1.7.10.5.5
EDWARD CLARK WILLETT of Bardstown, Nelson County, Kentucky

Edward Clark Willett was born on October 26, 1823, near Bardstown, Nelson County, Kentucky. Edward married 1st on October 8, 1844, Mahala McMurray (b 1822; d April 13, 1884).

He married 2d on October 8, 1884, Martha Dixon Green, the daughter of Dr. John Willia and Catherine (Randolph) Green.

> "Mrs. Willett, herself was born in Henderson County December 2, 1855, making a bride of less than thirty for our subject twice that age. Mr. Willett, however, does not seem forty-five (1886), judging by most men. His eye is clear and bright, his step is light and elastic, and he has not an unsound tooth in his head. Mrs. Willett is a lady of refinement and culture, and of sprightly and agreeable qualities.
>
> Our subject has four hundred and seventy-five and a half acres in five farms, which are occupied by his sons and son-in-law. His residence is brick and frame, built by John C. Floyd in 1826. In politics he is a Democrat. Although born a Catholic, our subject has not adhered strictly to any church. His first wive was a devout Methodist, and his second an earnst member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Henderson" (History of Union County, Kentucky, 1886, page 753).

He died in 1899 and is buried in the Morganfield, Kentucky, cemetery. (Donnelly, page 114).

1. Lydia Ann: b 1845; m 1861 Francis Marion Willett (her cousin). They had 11 children.

2. Thomas Orville: b November 1, 1847, in Waverly, Kentucky; m at Sacred Heart Church in Union County, Kentucky, on September 11, 1866, Mary Ellen Gibson (b May 22, 1847; d April 1, 1940); d June 20, 1934, at Jonesboro, Arkansas, and is buried at the Catholic Cemetery. See next O.1.7.10.5.5.2.

3. Margie Ellen: b 1849; m James Hager of Morganfield.

4. Mahala Virginia: b abt 1852; m Dr. John Adams Crawford; d 1878.

5. Thaddeus Edward: b May 15, 1855, in Waverly, Kentucky; m 1st Elizabeth Hagar (d abt 1885); m 2d on February 15, 1887, Mary Emma Buckman (b July 11, 1865), the daughter of Francis Joseph Buckman and Mary Emeline Mills; d 1885; both are buried at St. Peter's Cemetery in Waverly, Kentucky. See next O.1.7.10.5.5.5.

6. McMurray: b January 17, 1859, in Waverly, Kentucky; m at Sacred Heart Church on July 6, 1880, Mary Florence Greenwell. See next O.1.7.10.5.5.6.

7. Olive Oatman: b 1861; m 1876 Ignatius Mattingly; d 1885.

8. Margaret Alice: b 1864; m 1881 Benedict Joseph Mattingly.

O.1.7.10.5.5.2
THOMAS ORVILLE WILLETT and MARY ELLEN GIPSON
of Waverly, Union County, Kentucky

Thomas Orville Willett was born on November 1, 1847, in Waverly, Kentucky. He married at Sacred Heart Church in Union County, Kentucky, on September 11, 1866, Mary Ellen Gibson (b May 22, 1847; d April 1, 1940). They made their home in Waverly, Kentucky.

He died on June 20, 1934, at Jonesboro, Arkansas, and is buried at the Catholic Cemetery. (Donnelly, page 163).

1. Dennis Edward: b September 21, 1867, in Waverly, Kentucky; m at Maxon Mill, Kentucky, on October 16, 1888, Alice Lulu Hill; resided at Maxon Mill, Kentucky. See next O.1.7.10.5.5.2.1.

2. Mary Orville: b October 1, 1869; d September 22, 1870.

3. James Divelor: b May 14, 1872, in Waverly, Kentucky; m 1st in Fancy Farm, Kentucky, on February 18, 1895, Nora Ophelia Willett (b November 20, 1876, in Graves County, Kentucky; d August 18, 1927, and is buried at St. Jerome's); resided in Graves County, Kentucky; m 2d at St. Jerome's on February 8, 1934, Lillian Philomena Hobbs; d August 23, 1962. See next O.1.7.10.5.5.2.3.

4. Thomas Romuald: b June 2, 1877.

5. Thomas Vivala: b and d March 14, 1880.

6. Robert Herman: b March 28, 1881.

O.1.7.10.5.5.2.1
DENNIS EDWARD WILLETT and ALICE LULU HILL of Maxon Mill, Kentucky

Dennis Edward Willett was born on September 21, 1867, in Waverly, Kentucky. He married at Maxon Mill, Kentucky, on October 16, 1888, Alice Lulu Hill.

They made their home at Maxon Mill, Kentucky. (Donnelly, page 244).

1. James Rudy: b September 10, 1889; m 1st in Paducah, Kentucky, on October 26, 1910, Annie Temple; m 2d Emily Jones; resided in Paducah, Kentucky. (Donnelly, page 357).

    1. Frances: b September 2, 1912.

2. Robert Ellis: b March 23, 1892; m November 5, 1912, Auda Klingensmith; resided in Jonesboro, Arkansas, and later in Oklahoma. (Donnelly, pages 357-358).

1. Mary Ollie: b October 17, 1913.

2. Agnes Aline: b August 21, 1915.

3. Mildred Wandalee: b May 10, 1918.

4. Thelma Pauline: b September 5, 1920; m Howard Clinton Canton; no children.

5. Martha Louise: b September 22, 1922; m Robert Claude Davis; no children.

6. Billie Jean: b July 21, 1926.

7. Robert Ellis, Jr: b November 5, 1928.

8. Wayne Paul: b December 8, 1932.

3. Thomas Branch: b October 19, 1895; m in Jonesboro, Arkansas, on June 22, 1916, Lois Drake Hayes. (Donnelly, page 358).

1. Allie Elizabeth: b May 30, 1917.

2. Julia Mae: b April 21, 1919.

3. Thomas Branch, Jr: b June 8, 1921; m Marie Rusk.

4. Lawrence (twin): b May 24, 1927.

5. Florence (twin): b May 24, 1927.

6. Donald Edward: b October 22, 1929.

7. Patricia Lee: b April 6, 1932.

4. Mary Hazel: b October 9, 1898; m in Jonesboro, Arkansas, on May 10, 1920, Geoffrey Gibson Daniel.

5. Dennis Virgil: b April 5, 1903; m in Memphis, Tennessee, on March 3, 1924, Lucille King. (Donnelly, page 258).

1. Dolores Virginia: b and d April 7, 1925.

2. Helen Jean: b May 12, 1926, in Memphis, Tennessee.

3. Dennis Virgil, Jr: b January 23, 1928, in Memphis, Tennessee.

4. Shirley Virginia: b May 4, 1930, in Memphis, Tennessee.

5. Barbara Marie: b December 8, 1932; d February 2, 1936.

6. Patricia Ann: b November 28, 1941; m in Fort Meyers, Florida.

O.1.7.10.5.5.2.2.3
JAMES DIVELOR WILLETT of Fancy Farm, Graves County, Kentucky

James Divelor Willett was born on May 14, 1872, in Waverly, Kentucky. He married 1st in Fancy Farm, Kentucky, on February 18, 1895, Nora Ophelia Willett (b November 20, 1876, in Graves County, Kentucky; d August 18, 1927, and is buried at St. Jerome's), the daughter of Charles Constantine Willett and Anna Isabell Cash.

James Willett resided in Graves County, Kentucky. He married 2d at St. Jerome's on February 8, 1934, Lillian Philomena Hobbs.

James Willett died on August 23, 1962. (Donnelly, pages 215, 244).

1. Julian Eure: b December 27, 1896; d August 16, 1897.

2. James Udrich: b March 6, 1898, in Graves County; m at St. Jerome's on April 16, 1918, Mary Nettie Elliott (b January 24, 1901, in Graves County), the daughter of James Alexander and Matilda Bell Goatley; employed at the Pet Milk Company; d January 4, 1947, in Mayfield, Kentucky. (Donnelly, page 314).

    1. Mary Margaret: b February 14, 1919.

    2. James Edward: b September 15, 1921.

    3. Thomas Oberon: b June 8, 1924; d October 8, 1977.

    4. Joseph Bernard: b September 11, 1928.

    5. Francis Rudolph: b November 22, 1931.

    6. William Joseph: b November 1, 1933; d January 4, 1934.

    7. William Albert: b November 27, 1937; m Eva Nickel in Chicago, Illinois.

    8. Linda Mae: b January 24, 1941; m Richard Medina in Chicago, Illinois.

    9. Stella Marie: b May 14, 1943; m Don Nunley.

3. Charles Oberon: b June 6, 1903, in Graves County, Kentucky; m in Jonesboro, Arkansas, on November 25, 1925, Alice Isabella Bailey (b March 4, 1906, in St. Louis, Missoui); reside in Memphis, Tennessee. (Donnelly, page 314).

    1. Robert Raymond: b August 1, 1927.

    2. William Warner: b October 14, 1928.

    3. Faye Anne: b October 28, 1930.

    4. Philip Bailey: b March 16, 1932.

    5. Paul Andrew: b February 22, 1937.

4. Thomas Wilfred: b July 10, 1908, in Graves County, Kentucky; m at St. Jerome's on December 27, 1927, Estella Catherine Cash (d October 6, 1979; burid at St. Jerome's), the daughter of Anna MAdora Thomas and James Jefferson Cash. (Donnelly, pages 314-315).

1. William Thomas: b October 30, 1928.

2. James William: b April 24, 1930; d 1935.

3. Joyce Ann: b March 1, 1932; d November 28, 1935.

4. James Oriole: b November 1, 1933; died young.

5. Nora Sue: b October 5, 1935.

6. Franklin Wilfred: b October 1, 1938.

7. Samuel Eugene: b July 13, 1940; m Pat Nance; reside in Hickory, Kentucky.

8. Dora Mae: b February 21, 1944.

9. Charles Linus: b August 2, 1946.

5. Divelor Anecitas: b September 17, 1910, in Graves County, Kentucky; m Dudley G. Babbs; reside in Hughes, Arkansas.

6. Dennis Clifford: b October 14, 1912.

7. Thomas Ross: b February 16, 1937.

O.1.7.10.5.5.5
THADDEUS EDWARD WILLETT of Waverly, Union County, Kentucky

Thaddeus Edward Willett was born on May 15, 1855, in Waverly, Kentucky. He married 1st Elizabeth Hagar (d abt 1885).

He married 2d on February 15, 1887, Mary Emma Buckman (b July 11, 1865), the daughter of Francis Joseph Buckman and Mary Emeline Mills.

He died in 1885; both are buried at St. Peter's Cemetery in Waverly, Kentucky. (Donnelly, page 163).

1. Orville: b September, 1876.

2. Susan: b 1878.

3. Anna Gertrude: b 1880.

4. Herbert Thaddeus: b August 20, 1882.

5. James Cleveland: b January 14, 1884.

6. Joseph Edward: b July 29, 1888.

7. Thomas Ray: b August 21, 1890.

8. Thomas Randolph: b October 21, 1891.

9. Mary Beatrice: b July 31, 1893.

10. William Paul: b October 4, 1895.

11. Ann Lillian: b April 1, 1897.

12. Martha Dixon: b January 9, 1899.

13. Charles Elmer: b January 22, 1901.

14. Margery Alice: b May 17, 1906.

O.1.7.10.5.5.2
MCMURRAY WILLETT and MARY FLORENCE GREENWELL
of Waverly, Kentucky, and Jonesboro, Arkansas

McMurray Willett was born on January 17, 1859, in Waverly, Kentucky. He married at Sacred Heart Church on July 6, 1880, Mary Florence Greenwell (b March 6, 1864; d May 11, 1945). They resided 1st at Waverly, Kentucky.

About 1900, they moved to St. John's. On June 29, 1907, McMurray Willett was baptised into the Catholic Faith. On Thanksgiving Day November 28, 1912, the family moved to a farm of 115 acres near Jonesboro, Arkansas. McMurray Willett died on a visit to St. John's, Kentucky, to see his daughter, Edna, on January 7, 1932; he is buried in Jonesboro, Arkansas. (Donnelly, page 164).

1. Philip Clark: b February 8, 1882, in Waverly, Kentucky; m at St. John, Kentucky, on November 21, 1905, Ida Philomena Poat (b October 16, 1883; d October 20, 1949), the daughter of Anthony Poat and Catherine Haesley.

2. Mary Edna: b July 22, 1884.

3. John Leonard: b October 11, 1886, at Waverly, Kentucky; m at St. John's on January 26, 1909, Blanche de Sales Englert (b February 27, 1888, at St. John's; d December 12, 1977, in Naples, Florida), the daughter of Joseph Englert and Mary Clark.

4. Joseph Gordon: b December 16, 1888, in Waverly, Kentucky; m in Farmer, South Dakota on February 24, 1916, Mary Victoria Englert (b February 24, 1894, in St. John's, Kentucky; d April 2, 1960, in Mitchell, South Dakota), the daughter of Bernard Englert and Ellen Clark; reside in Farmer, South Dakota; d June 10, 1967, in Mitchell; buried at St. Peter's Cemetery in Farmer, South Dakota.

5. Bernard Uriel: b November 30, 1892, in Waverly, Kentucky; m in Jonesboro, Arkansas, on January 23, 1923, Marguerite Susan Harding (b St. Louis, Missouri; d July 14, 1961, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin); d February 19, 1971; buried in Holy Sepulcher Cemetery in Cudahy, Wisconsin.

6. Mary Rita: b January 30, 1896; resided in Jonesboro, Arkansas; unmarried.

7. Mary Mahala: b September 9, 1898; became Sister Mary Regina, OSB; resides in Jonesboro, Arkansas.

8. Joseph Lucian: b and d January 7, 1902.

9. Joseph McMurray: b October 15, 1903; m Verdie Swindle; resides in Jonesboro, Arkansas.

10. Joseph Celestine: b May 19, 1907, in St. John's, Kentucky; m in Jonesboro, Arkansas, on December 31, 1935, Rose Marie Freppon (b March 17, 1910, in Bald Knob, Arkansas), the daughter of Joseph Freppon and Rose Marie Heitzoman; ran thefamily farm after his father's death, and continued "Willett POrk Sausage" trade; resided in Jonesboro, Kentucky. (Donnelly, page 250).

1. Rose Marie: b January 12, 1937.

2. Paul James: b June 15, 1938.

3. Florence Helen: b January 28, 1940; professed in the Benedictine Order as Sister Mary Elaine; resides in Jonesboro, Arkansas.

4. Harold Joseph: b January 10, 1943; m August 8, 1970, Elizabeth Lois French; reside in Florence, North Carolina.

5. George Melvin: b June 30, 1945.

O.1.7.10.5.10
JAMES M. WILLETT and MARTHA JANE COMPTON of Union County, Kentucky

James M. Willett was born on August 5, 1829, near Waverly, Kentucky. He married about 1848 Martha Jane Compton. Their children were baptised at Sacred Heart, St. Vincent, Kentucky.

1. Benjamin William: b January 29, 1849.

2. Mary Frances: b October 6, 1852.

3. John William: b May 20, 1854, in Union County, Kentucky; m abt 1880 Amanda (b May, 1859); resided in Union County, Kentucky. (Donnelly, page 164).

    1. Bessie S: b February, 1882.

    2. James E: b June, 1882.

    3. Eliza: b November, 1888.

4. James Thomas: b May 6, 1856; m Chata Pickett; resided in Oregon.

5. Samuel B: b May 29, 1858; m Minie Hayhurst; resided in Oregon.

6. Eliza Ellen: b 1860.

7. Benjamin Alvin: b October 5, 1864; m Lilly Wilson.

8. Romanus: b June 23, 1866; m Irene Wilson; d abt 1933.

9. Martha Lee: b February 28, 1868; m Emmitt Stith.

10. Margaret Alice: b May 23, 1870; m James Edmonson.

11. Robert Fulton: b November 4, 1871; m Bess Horseman.

12. Horace Compton: b April 14, 1874, in Waverly, Kentucky; m in Waverly on February 7, 1909, Mary Ann Wayne (b June 9, 1881; d June 5, 1960), the daughter of John Kimball Wayne and Frances X. McAtee; d January, 1952, in Holly Hill, Florida. (Donnelly, page 165).

    1. Frances Maurita: b April 10, 1911.

    2. Martha S: b July 18, 1914.

    3. Mary Louise: b May 25, 1916.

O.1.7.10.5.12
SAMUEL GRIFFITH WILLETT of Union County, Kentucky

Samuel Griffin Willett was born on November 11, 1833, near Waverly, Kentucky. He married 1st on November 26, 1861, at Sacred Heart Church in St. Vincent, Kentucky, the daughter of Dr. Thomas Wathen and Nettie Sue Davenport. Mary (Wathen) Willett died about 1866 and her mother became the legal guardian of her two children.

Samuel Willett married 2d on September 16, 1867, Julia Clements.
(Donnelly, page 115).

1. Mary Leona: b September 8, 1862.

2. Thomas: b 1864.

3. Martin: b May, 1869.

4. Dallas Clark: b July 16, 1871.

5. Edward George: b November, 1873.

6. Lloyd: b June, 1874.

7. Dillon: b February, 1876.

8. Robert: b December, 1877.

9. Thomas: b February, 1880.

10. Annie: b July, 1882.

11. Charles Lewis: b November, 1884; m 1st abt 1905 Susan Lillie Thompson (d February 16, 1911, in Flournoy, Kentucky), the daughter of Sara Raleigh Thompson. Mrs. Sara Raleigh Thompson raised her daughters three children after her daughter's death; m 2d Agnes Fitz (5 children); m 3d Mary W. Felty (6 children). (Donnelly, page 572).

    1. Mary Magdalene: b abt 1907.

    2. Charles Lewis: b abt 1909.

    3. Lillie Pauline: b January 18, 1911.

O.1.7.10.5.19
ALEXANDER HAMILTON WILLETT of Henderson, Union County, Kentucky

Alexander Hamilton Willett was born on July 12, 1842, near Waverly, Kentucky. He was the youngest of nineteen children. Alexander married 1st in Union County, Kentucky, on October 22, 1861, Louisa Higginson.

He married 2d about 1885 Julia Arnett (b June, 1864). Alexander Willett made his home in Henderson, Kentucky.

(Donnelly, page 116).

1. Mary Lula: b February 23, 1865, in Union County, Kentucky; m 1st Isaac Francis Day (b January 7, 1858; d March 5, 1923), the son of Samuel Francis Day and Amelia Philpot; m 2d John R. Byrns; resided in Henderson; d January 3, 1915.

2. Eliza D: b July, 1886.

3. Cordelia D: b November, 1889.

4. Sarah D: b May, 1894.

O.1.7.10.6
GRIFFITH WILLETT and RHODA STILES of Nelson County, Kentucky

Griffith Willett was born on October 5, 1798, in Nelson County, Kentucky. He married on February 14, 1818, Rhoda Stiles (b March, 1800; d December 21, 1888), the daughter of David Stiles and Elizabeth Kitchell. He died on December 15, 1875. Both are buried in the Stiles Cemetery in Nelson County, Kentucky.
(Donnelly, page 73).

1. Elizabeth: b April 7, 1820, in Nelson County, Kentucky; m in Nelson County on April 22, 1839, John McDougal.

2. Carrilla: b September 22, 1822, in Nelson County, Kentucky; m in Nelson County on October 31, 1841, Elijah H. Bland (b 1814).

3. Darius: b April 15, 1824; m 1st 1852 Mary Ann Barbara Carter (d abt 1855); m 2d 1863 Virginia Kirtley; m 3d abt 1870 Mary Wadley; d March 6, 1898; buried at Clarksville, Johnson County, Arkansas. See next O.1.7.10.6.3.

4. Mahulda: b August 15, 1827, in Nelson County; m in Nelson County, on September 28, 1843, Robert Sanders.

5. George: b December, 1829, in Nelson County; m 1st abt 1855 Mary Newland (d before 1860); m 2d 1861 Bella Rush.

1. Hannah Belle: b 1856.

2. George Rush: b November 23, 1862; m November 20, 1901, Maud Bruce; d 1923.

6. Dr. Franklin: b February 8, 1832.

7. David Munson: b December 2, 1835, in Nelson County, Kentucky; m on November 5, 1878, Duanna M. Beeler; d December 20, 1920.

1. Fannie Beeler: b abt 1880; m John Calvin Stiles; d at age 100; buried in Stiles Cemetery.

8. Margaret Ann: b 1837; m April 11, 1855, John G. Gaddie (b October 25, 1829; d July 29, 1894); d March 31, 1915.

O.1.7.10.6.3
DARIUS WILLETT of Nelson County, Kentucky, and Johnson County, Arkansas

Darius Willett was born on April 15, 1824, in Nelson County, Kentucky. He married 1st in 1852 Mary Ann Barbara Carter (d abt 1855) of Marion County, Kentucky.

> "Darius Willett was reared to a farm life in his native county of Nelson, (Kentucky) and although his advantages were quite limited, he yet obtained sufficient knowledge of the world of books to enable him

to teach school. At the age of twenty-one years, he began working for himself for wages, which life he continued until he was twenty-three years of age, at which time he went to the Lone Star State and engaged in farming and distilling.

In 1862, he came to Lawrence County, Arkansas, where he purchased a farm of 300 acres, but upon this he resided for only eight months, when, on account of the unsettled state of the country, he returned to Nelson County, Kentucky, where he remained the remainder of the war.

In 1865, he returned to his farm in Arkansas, and was actively engaged in its cultivation for twelve years (until 1877), at the end of which time he sold out and came to Johnson County, settling on the farm where he is now living, one and one-half miles west of Clarksville, which now contains 175 acres, being improved with a good frame house, excellent barn and other necessary farm buildings, and is now making arrangements to erect a new barn in the spring of 1891.

His principal crops are oats, corn, and cotton, all of which can be raised in abundance, and he also has a small strip of tame-grass meadow which yields well, timothy and red-top doing exceptionally well" (Biographical and Historical Memoir of Western Arkansas, page 319).

He married 2d in 1863 Virginia Kirtley (b in Kentucky; d abt 1867) of Taylor County, Kentucky. When she died, Darius, took four cedar posts, trimmed and sharpened them, and put them at each corner of her grave, and made a paling fence around the grave.

Darius married 3d about 1870 Mary Wadley (b December, 1849) of Evening Shade, Arkansas.

(Donnelly, pages 116-117).

1. Henry David: b November 23, 1852, in Nelson County, Kentucky; m about 1875 Amanda Melissa Miller; d September 27, 1945, in Smithville, Lawrence County, Arkansas. See next P.1.7.10.6.3.1.

2. Mary Ann: b 1854 in Nelson County, Kentucky; m abt 1875 Liston Townsend; resided at Antlers, Pushmataha County, Oklahoma.

1. Ona Townsend: b abt 1877; m Will Hunt; resided near Saper, Texas.

2. Lizzie Townsend: b abt 1880; m Will Blair; resided at Jumbo, Oklahoma.

3. John Townsend: b abt 1882; resided at Clarksville, Arkansas.

4. Cora Townsend: m Will Jamar; resided near Antlers, Pushmataha County, Oklahoma.

5. Annie Townsend: m 1st Jim Evans; m 2d Ed Brown; resided at Antlers, and Jumbo, Oklahoma.

6. Mose Townsend: m Liddie McCarty; resided near Antlers, Oklahoma.

7. Bethie Townsend m Will Brown; resided at Jumbo, Oklahoma.

8. Octie Townsend:

3. Robert Hyatter: b April 20, 1864, in Nelson County, Kentucky; m abt 1880 Amanda C. Pearson; d May 24, 1916, in Clarksville, Johnson County, Arkansas.

1. Ewell E: b June 13, 1892, in Johnson County, Arkansas; m Corrie Riddle (b February 23, 1896; d June 30, 1953, buried in the Shady Grove Cemetery, Clarksville, Johnson County, Arkansas).

4. Virginia: b abt 1866; died as an infant; buried in lower field in Sharp County, Arkansas, before the family moved from Clarksville to Johnson County, Arkansas.

5. Rhoda: b abt 1872; died as an infant; buried in lower field in Sharp County, Arkansas, before the family moved from Clarksville to Johnson County, Arkansas.

6. Sudie: b abt 1875 in Arkansas.

7. Maggie: b abt 1877 in Arkansas; Noel Garrett; buried in the Shady Grove Cemetery, Johnson County, Arkansas.

8. Lewis Darius (Bud): b January, 1880, in Arkansas.

9. Bascom: b February, 1884, in Arkansas; never married; he had scrofula real bad, and it had drawn one eye crossed, and possibly had affected his mind; but he was a good worker.

10. Callie: b November 28, 1881, in Arkansas; m 1899 James L. Ragsdale; d December 11, 1949; buried in the Shady Grove Cemetery, Johnson County, Arkansas.

O.1.7.10.6.3.1
HENRY DAVID WILLETT and AMANDA MELISSA MILLER
of Smithville, Lawrence County, and Sharp County, Arkansas

Henry David Willett was born on November 23, 1852, in Nelson County, Kentucky. Slaves took care of Henry David and his sister, Mary Ann, until Lincoln freed the slaves. His father moved to Arkansas when Henry David was 14, eventually settling about 4 miles west of Smithville, Arkansas, on the west side of the Strawberry River.

Henry David Willett married about 1875 Amanda Melissa Miller (b June 27, 1855, in Arkansas; d December 17, 1945, in Smithville, Lawrence County, Arkansas; buried in the Townsend Cemetery, Lawrence County), the daughter of Joseph Miller and Mary Webb. They lived in Sharp County, Arkansas.

Henry David Willett and two of his children, Joseph and William Henry, made and sold whiskey while living in Sharp County, Arkansas. He spoke of Lebanon and Shelbyville, and of going to Louisville in a big schooner wagon loaded with barrels of whiskey to put on a steamboat on the Ohio River at Louisville, Kentucky, to ship to New Orleans for sale.

He moved to Jumbo, Oklahoma, and started a trading post (or General Store) with a post office in it. He later moved back to Arkansas. They always lived as pioneers in log houses; kept poultry, cows, hogs, horses, and raised all kinds of crops. They had an orchard, vegetable garden, canned foods, had home made chairs and home made soaps.

He died on September 27, 1945, in Smithville, Lawrence County, Arkansas, and is buried in the Townsend Cemetery, Smithville, Lawrence County, Arkansas.

1. Joseph Darius David: b May, 1878, in Sharp County, Arkansas; m 1900 Mabelle Tompkins.

1. Rosetta: b abt 1902 Rosetta: m Maxwell.

2. Joseph: b abt 1905; unmarried.

3. Viola: b abt 1907; m Shaw.

2. John Franklin: b December, 1879, in Sharp County, Arkansas; d 1881, at 1 ½ years.

3. Mary Ann: b March, 1883, in Sharp County, Arkansas; m Henry Green Helms (b abt 1879 in Arkansas); he was a coal miner, and they lived in Oklahoma.

1. Mattie Helms: b abt 1905, in Arkansas; m Miller; resides in Smithville, Arkansas, 74957.

2. Stella Helms: b abt 1908, in Oklahoma; m Harden.

3. Albert Helms: b in Oklahoma.

4. Lawrence Helms: b in Oklahoma.

5. Edward Helms: b in Oklahoma; resides at 6120 N. E., 54th St., Kansas City, Missouri, 64119.

4. William Henry: b February 8, 1885, in Sharp County, Arkansas; m January 6, 1904, Arrie Edna Norris (b January 21, 1884; d April 14, 1968, in Lawrence County); d November 24, 1947, buried at Smithville, Lawrence County, Arkansas. See next O.1.7.10.6.3.4.

5. Sahara Jane: b abt 1887 in Arkansas; d abt 1891 when she was 3 years old; her dress caught fire while she was around an old black kettle and she died of her burns; she is buried in the lower field of their property.

6. Margaret: b January 28, 1890, in Sharp County, Arkansas; m 1914 Henry H. Jones (b July 31, 1890; d October 3, 1964); d January 15, 1983; buried in Marvin Cemetery, Sharp County, Arkansas.

1. Nathan Jones: b June 7, 1915; m May 30, 1947, Martha Quinn Penn (b May 7, 1921); resides at 3939 Botanical Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri, 63110.

1. William H. B. Jones: b May 13, 1959.

2. Amanda Jones: b abt 1918.

3. Lillie Jones: b abt 1920.

4. Lola Jones: b abt 1923.

5. Mary Jones:

6. Nora Jones:

7. Vallie Jones:

7. Georgia: b 1892, in Sharp County, Arkansas; died as an infant.

8. Virginia Victoria: b December 16, 1893, in Sharp County, Arkansas; m January 21, 1914, in Sharp County Ernest Asro Milligan (b November 20, 1890; d June 23, 1961); d January 13, 1978, at Means, Menifee County, Kentucky; buried January 16, 1978, at Nelsonville, Sharp County, Arkansas. See next O.1.7.10.6.3.1.8.

9. Jimmy: b abt 1895 in Sharp County, Arkansas; died as an infant.

O.1.7.10.6.3.1.4
WILLIAM HENRY WILLETT and ARRIE EDNA NORRIS
of Smithville, Lawrence County, Arkansas

William Henry Willett was born on February 8, 1885, in Sharp County, Arkansas. He married on January 6, 1904, Arrie Edna Norris (b January 21, 1884; d April 14, 1968, in Lawrence County, Arkansas).
He died on November 24, 1947, buried at Smithville, Lawrence County, Arkansas.

1. David: b March 8, 1905; m Marie.

2. Mary: b August 17, 1906; m Wyatt Helms; resides in Smithville, Arkansas.

3. Herbert: b May 2, 1908; m Genevia.

4. Martha: b March 6, 1910; m 1st Brandon; m 2d Lady; resides in Imboden, Arkansas.

5. Edward: b December 8, abt 1912; m Jewel; resides in Smithville, Arkansas.

6. Dovie: b January 2, abt 1915; m Virginia.

7. Curtis: b January 19, abt 1917; m Wanda.

8. Mae: b December 14, abt 1920; m Gus Crider; resides in Holbrook, Arizona.

9. Florence: b January 15, 1921; m Smith; d July 28, 1963.

O.1.7.10.6.3.1.8

VIRGINIA VICTORIA WILLETT and ERNEST ASRO MILLIGAN of Sharp County, Arkansas

Virginia Victoria Willett was born on December 16, 1893, in Sharp County, Arkansas. She married on January 21, 1914, in Sharp County Ernest Asro Milligan (b November 20, 1890; d June 23, 1961). She died on January 13, 1978, at Means, Menifee County, Kentucky; buried January 16, 1978, at Nelsonville, Sharp County, Arkansas.

1. Barbara Avis Milligan: b January 4, 1915, at Reed, Sharp County, Arkansas; m April 21, 1932, Charles Ado Watkins (b December 8, 1908; d June 17, 1975; buried Maxwell Cemetery); resides in Evening Shade, Arkansas.

2. Beulah Irene Milligan: b August 29, 1917, in Arkansas; d November 13, 1917, at Nelsonville, Sharp County, Arkansas; buried in the Lebanon Cemetery.

3. Ernest Wesley Milligan: b January 7, 1919, at Poughkeepsie, Sharp County, Arkansas; m May 25, 1940, Ruth Bowers (b April 16, 1916, in Missouri).

4. Vada Viola Milligan: b January 29, 1921, at Gurden, Clark County, Arkansas; m June 30, 1940, Leroy Warren Bowers (b April 15, 1921); resides in Heber Springs, Arkansas.

1. Jerry Dale Bowers: resides in Murrayville, Georgia.

2. Wilma Kathyrn Bowers:

5. Floyd Asro Milligan: b October 31, 1923, Laura Town, Lawrence County, Arkansas; m 1st July 17, 1926, Wildean Ward; m 2d Noma; resides in Walnut Ridge, Arkansas.

6. Ruth Victoria Milligan: b March 20, 1926, at Reed, Sharp County, Arkansas; m July 10, 1954, in Nevada, Louis Hampton Orr (b May 20, 1923, Colorado); no children; resides in San Bernadino, California.

7. Vernon Milligan: b January 14, 1928, at Poushkeepsie, Sharp County, Arkansas; m July 3, 1946, Beulah Janette Lasley (b June 17, 1930); no children; resides in Kokomo, Indiana.

8. Oretha Virginia Milligan: b April 17, 1930, in Sharp County; m December 26, 1945, Ernest Thomas Seat; resides in Means, Kentucky.

9. Agnes Rosetta Milligan: b October 31, 1932, at Nelsonville, Sharp County, Arkansas; m April 8, 1951, Coy Manuel King (b July 22, 1930); resides in Means, Kentucky.

10. Jessie Morene Milligan (twin): b January 29, 1935, at Nelsonville, Sharp County, Arkansas; m September 4, 1953, in Hamilton County, Indiana, 1st Shirly Wilson (b April 28, 1933; d June 30, 1967); m 2d August 10, 1968, at Menifee County, Kentucky, Cordell Smallwood (b December 26, 1933); resident of Means, Kentucky.

11. Lessie Lorene Milligan (twin): b January 29, 1935, at Nelsonville, Sharp County, Arkansas; m December 22, 1956, James Marshall Atwell (b March 29, 1932); resident of Noblesville, Indiana.

O.1.7.10.7

RICHARD WILLETT and THERESA HILL of Union County, Kentucky

Richard Willett was born on December 28, 1800, in Nelson County, Kentucky. He was doubly orphaned at the age of 14 years, when father died in 1811, and his mother in 1814.

> He "received two years of training in Nelson County schools. This schooling enabled him to read, write and cipher a little, and with these acquirements, he has done very well in the battle of life. It ought to be dded that he did not get all his present knowledge at school, for he could scarcely write his name when he left school" (History of Union County, Kentucky, 1886, pages 860-861).

His marriage bond was issued on June 9, 1821. At this time, he was still a ward of his uncle John S. Willett. He married in Nelson County, on June 22, 1821, Theresa ("Tressy") Hill, the daughter of John Baptist Hill (b 1798 in Nelson County, Kentucky; d 1862 in Union County).

> "In 1822, the year after Mr. Willett was married, he removed to Union County, and secured 200 acres of land, all of which he afterward cleared. He was a true pioneer of wiry, tough constitution, and a great lover of hunting and fishing. Mrs. Bryne, his daughter, saw him shoot five deer once, before breakfast. At one time he shot a four point buck and as he was only disabled enough to keep him from escaping, our hunter drove him home. One day, she says, he broought home fifteen turkeys, several possums, several coons, and one deer. She says, her father frequently killed turkeys by moonlight. A deer was brought to bay at one time by Mr. Willett's dogs, and the intrepid hunter rushed upon him, threw the deer's foot over his horns, and then cut his throat. This maneuver saved a charge of powder and a bullet, which was an item of importance. Mrs. Bryne says, that many times her father's dogs caught deer; many times, also, in those early days, has Mr. Willett cradled wheat on the Academy grounds and the Sisters have bound it after him.
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> Mr. Willett has always lived in Union County, but has made trips to New Orleans on flat-boats. In politics he is a Democrat, and was elected Magistrate, served one court and resigned. He has lived at Caseyville awhile, then on Tradewater, and afterward at Waverly awhile, then north of Waverly" (History of Union County, Kentucky, 1886, pages 861-862).

He has lived at Caseyville, Tradewater, Waverly, and North Waverly. Richard Willett died after 1886. (Donnelly, page 74; Willett, 1978, page 9).

1. George R: b July 2, 1824, in Union County, Kentucky; will dated May 25, 1852; unmarried.

2. John Baptist: b 1826 in Union County; m 1st Nancy Bryne; m 2d Malinda; in 1880 they were residing in Daviess County, Kentucky. (Donnelly, page 118). See next O.1.7.10.7.2.

3. Catherine Ellen: b abt 1827; m Spiridian Bryne; d December 27, 1883.

1. Spiridan Bryne: m Mrs. Lou (Griggs) Collins.

2. Georgina Bryne: m E. K. Culver.

4. Mary Elizabeth: b November 24, 1828; m Michael Bryne.

5. Andrew Jackson: b abt 1830 in Union County, Kentucky; m abt 1858 Julia Fenwick; resided in Union County until just before 1880 when they removed to Randolph County, Illinois. See next O.1.7.10.7.5.

6. Benjamin Franklin: b March 30, 1833, in Union County, Kentucky; m 1st abt 1870 Melissa Idell Bryne (b July 12, 1850; d May 15, 1881); resided in Waverly, Kentuck; m 2d on March 28, 1883, Mrs. Mary (Stapp) Powel). See next O.1.7.10.7.6.

7. Francis Marion: b May 2, 1835, near Waverly, Union County, Kentucky; m his cousin on May 7, 1860, Lydia Ann Willett, the daughter of Edward C. Willett. See next O.1.7.10.7.7.

8. Lewis Clark: b March 29, 1837, at Corydon, Kentucky; m at age 40, April 1, 1879, Ada Jones. See next O.1.7.10.7.8.

9. Richard D: b March 25, 1839, in Union County, Kentucky; m November 9, 1858, Martha Ann Virginia (Jenny) Buckman (d November 14, 1907; T. B. of lungs). See next O.1.7.10.7.9.

O.1.7.10.7.2
JOHN BAPTIST WILLETT of Graves County and Daviess County, Kentucky

John Baptist Willett was born on 1826 in Union County. He married 1st abt 1850 Nancy Bryne. He married 2d about 1873 Malinda. In 1880, they were residing in Daviess County, Kentucky. (Donnelly, page 118).

1. Franklin Pierce (Scoop): b February 28, 1854.

2. Robert: b January 8, 1859.

3. Mary Ann: b October 21, 1861.

4. Richard Michael: b March 23, 1864.

5. George Herbert: b February 10, 1868.

6. Nancy: b 1875.

7. Mary: b 1879.

O.1.7.10.7.5
ANDREW JACKSON WILLETT and JULIA FENWICK
of Union County, Kentucky, and Randolph County, Illinois

Andrew Jackson Willett was born about 1830 in Union County, Kentucky. His marriage bond was dated September 4, 1858. He married Julia Ann Fenwick (b November, 1839, in Union County, Kentucky), the daughter of Robert and Elizabeth (Burch) Fenwick. They were married on September 21, 1858, in the Church of the Sacred Heart in Union County, Kentucky. They resided in Union County until just before 1880 when they removed to a farm at Kaskaskia, Randolph County, Illinois (near Chester, Illinois, and across the river from Ste. Genevieve, Missouri).

In 1865, when Robert H. Fenwick's estate was sold, the account of sales was submitted by A. J. Willett. It was submitted on March 6, 1865, to the Union County Court. The following Willett's made purchases from Fenwick's estate: Bol (sic), Sam, and Julia Willett. July Willett received a one-sixth share of her father's estate amounting to $260.05.

Andrew Jackson Willett may have died before 1890. His wife, Julia Ann, was in Oklahoma Territory in 1890 with her daughters, Mary Agnes and Teresa. She taught school at Nine Mile Flat near present day Oklahoma City. By 1900, she was living with Mary Agnes Willett in Chickasha, Oklahoma.

(Donnelly, page 118).

1. George Andrew: b September 10, 1859, in Union County, Kentucky; m November 2, 1887, Mary (Mollie) Lee Burks (b November 25, 1867, at Farmington, Missouri; d April 21, 1944, in Tulsa, Oklahoma; buried in Perry, Oklahoma); d October 16, 1906, age 47, at St. Genevieve County, Missouri; buried in Grace Hill Cemetery, Perry, Indian Territory (Oklahoma). See next O.1.7.10.7.5.1.

2. Robert William: b September 27, 1861, in Union County, Kentucky; m Martha? in Farmington, Missouri.

3. Ignatius Aloysius (Alonzo): b July 31, 1864, in Union County, Kentucky.

4. Mary Agnes: b January, 1873, in Kentucky; m August 14, 1896, Albert S. Daniels.

5. Teresa Frances: b March, 1876.

6. Julian: b November 14, 1880, in Kaskaskia, Illinois.

O.1.7.10.7.5.1
GEORGE ANDREW WILLETT and MARY LEE BURKS of Ste. Genevieve County, Missouri

George Andrew Willett was born on September 10, 1859, in Union County, Kentucky. He married in Ste. Genevieve, Missouri, on November 2, 1887, Mary (Mollie) Lee Burks (b November 25, 1867, at Farmington, Missouri; d April 21, 1944, in Tulsa, Oklahoma; buried in Perry, Oklahoma). In 1890, they were in Oklahoma Territory with their son Charles, age 3 months.

George was a teamster. His granddaughter, Mrs. Genevieve (Willett) Slade has a minature of him showing his blue eyes, dark hair, and handlebar mustache. He drove a 7 horse team and moved houses and buildings. He died on October 16, 1906, age 47, at St. Genevieve County, Missouri; buried Perry, Indian Territory (Oklahoma). A cross beam of his wagon had come loose and hit him a mortal blow.

1. Charles A: b February 8, 1889, in Missiouri; d of the flu on January 21, 1921, after returning from France; no issue.

2. Yeulin Van Sickles: b June 6, 1896, at Perry, Indian Territory; m June 6, 1920, at Edmond, Oklahoma, Ruth Elizabeth Fink (b February 8, 1898, at Edmond, Indian Territory; d August 13, 1950, at Perry, Oklahoma); resided in Golfry; d February 18, 1941, while in Wichita, Kansas, on business; buried at Perry. See next P.1.7.10.7.5.1.2.

3. Genevieve M: b November 28, 1900; a music major; attended Oberlin College in Oltic; collapsed while playing basketball at college; brought to Tulsa where she d July 5, 1920, age 20; no issue.

4. George A: b April, 1906; he was at Normandy Beach on D-Day in World War II; d September, 1973, in San Francisco Veteran's Hospital; umarried.

O.1.7.10.7.5.1.2
YEULIN VAN SICKLES WILLETT and RUTH ELIZABETH FINK of Perry, Oklahoma

Yeulin Van Sickles Willett was born on June 21, 1896, at Perry, Indian Territory. He married on June 6, 1920, at Edmond, Oklahoma, Ruth Elizabeth Fink (b February 8, 1898, at Edmond, Indian Territory; d August 13, 1950, at Perry, Oklahoma).

They resided in Golfry where Yeulin ran a bank. After the "bank holiday" he went west to Perry as the President of the Exchange Bank. They returned to Perry in 1933.

He died February 18, 1941, while in Wichita, Kansas, on business; buried at Perry. (Donnelly, page 583).

1. Ruth Esther: b April 17, 1921, in Enid, Oklahoma; m April, 13, 1940, Anthony Strickler Jack Lanza; reside in Steamboat Springs, Colorado; Ruth enjoys tole painting and is a writer; she converted to Catholicism in 1953 and all her children are Catholic.

    1. Anthony Willett Lanza: b April 4, 1941.

    2. Charles William Lanza: b September 29, 1943.

    3. Suzanne Genevieve Lanza: b March 10, 1948.

4. Melissa Ruth Lanza: b October 10, 1950.

5. Matthew Yeulin Lanza: b November 15, 1953.

6. Carmela Bennettie Lanza: b August 7, 1956; m January 7, 1984, Raymond Weil.

2. Charles Fink: b March 9, 1926, at Enid, Oklahoma; grew up in Enid; attended school at Duke University in Durham, North Carolina; recieved his law degree from Fordham School of Law, at Bronx, New York City; was an ensign during World War II, and later an FBI agent; m 1st Dorothy Griffith, the daughter of George Griffith and Julia Howe; m 2d Patricia Ann Eckles; m 3d at Las Vegas, Nevada, on September 23, 1979, Sandra J. Morris; d June 26, 1982; he is an attorney; resided in Delta, Colorado. (Donnelly, page 590).

1. Allison Griffith: b September 7, 1948, in New York; m Robert Klein; she is a Registered Nurse and he is an anesthetist; they reside in Tempe, Arizona. (Donnelly, page 595).

1. Amber Klein:

2. Brie Klein:

3. Lauren Klein:

2. Yeulin Van Sickles (II): b August 30, 1958; m in Steamboat Springs, Colrado, on May 24, 1983, Rose Southall; graduated May 25, 1984, from the Colorado University Law School; resides in Denver, Colorado.

3. Genevieve (Jennie) Lee: b February 23, 1928; m January 27, 1951, James Lee Slade; resides in Oklahoma City; both are graduates of the University of Oklahoma; he is a Civil Engineer. (Donnelly, page 590).

1. Rebecca Ruth Slade: m Eric Alan; both are graduates of Central State University.

2. Lee Willett Slade: 1976 graduate of Rice University; he is a structural engineer residing in Houston, Texas; m Nancy Meister, the daughter of Marinne Harris and Mark Gaylord Meister.

1. Leah Susan Slade: b June 13, 1983.

3. Jamie Marilyn Slade: a 1978 graduate from Oklahoma State University; teaches Special Education in Junior High School.

O.1.7.10.7.6
BENJAMIN FRANKLIN WILLETT of Union County, Kentucky

Benjamin Franklin Willett was born on March 30, 1833, in Union County, Kentucky. He married 1st about 1870 Melissa Idell Bryne (b July 12, 1850; d May 15, 1881). They resided in Waverly, Kentuck.

Benjamin Willett married 2d on March 28, 1883, Mrs. Mary (Stapp) Powel). (Donnelly, page 118).

1. Anna Idell: b August 4, 1871; single; d December 4, 1943, in Waverly, Kentucky.
2. Ida May: b May 18, 1873.
3. Martha Helen: b March 27, 1876.
4. Boyd Aubrey: b November 29, 1880.
5. Pauline C: b February 28, 1884; d 1884.
6. Mary Pauline (Pearl): b September 28, 1886.
7. Paul Hill: b May 17, 1891.
8. William Stapp: b August 23, 1893.

O.1.7.10.7.7
FRANCIS MARION WILLETT and LYDIA ANN WILLETT
of Hitesville Precint, Union County, Kentucky

Francis Marion Willett was born on May 2, 1835, near Waverly, Union County, Kentucky.

> "He attended the schools of Union County for five years, and was sent to St. Mary's College, but after six weeks at that institution, he took sick and returned home, which was the last of his education" (History of Union County, Kentucky, 1886, page 753).

He married on May 7, 1860, Lydia Ann Willett (b July 27, 1845), the daughter of Edward C. Willett.

> "During the war, Mr. Willett was drafted for the Federal Army, taken to Paducah, but hired a substitute. He has one hundred and twenty acres of fine land in an excellent state of cultivation with good improvements, upon which he raises all the crops common to his latitude.
>
> He is a house builder, and has erected several very creditable buildings, besides his own residence. In politics, he is a Democrat. He

has been a member of the Catholic Church from infancy" (History of Union County, Kentucky, 1886, page 754).

(Donnelly, page 119; Willett, 1978, page 2).

1. Hulda: b abt 1862.

2. Thomas: b abt 1864.

3. John Adams: b November 22, 1866; m Mary Isabelle Manning; d November 4, 1898. See next O.1.7.10.7.7.3.

4. Francis Marion: b April 11, 1869, in Waverly, Kentucky; m in Union County, Kentucky, on October 23m 1897, Annie Mary Edison (b 1877; d 1953), the daughter of Charles W. Edison and Josephine Willett; he was a farmer; d in Union County on February 17, 1949; both are buried in Sacred Heart Cemetery in St. Vincent, Kentucky. See next O.1.7.10.7.7.4.

5. Oliver: b May 9, 1871.

6. Mahala Ellen: b December 3, 1873; m Ferdinand Drury.

7. Robert Lee: b December 9, 1875; m Rose Obeyant.

8. George Richard: b April 14, 1877.

9. May Flaget: b April 9, 1884.

10. Edward Dant: b June 16, 1886.

O.1.7.10.7.7.3
JOHN ADAMS WILLETT and MARY ISABELLE MANNING
of Waverly, Union County, Kentucky

John Adams Willett was born on November 22, 1866. He married about 1886 Mary Isabelle Manning. He died on November 4, 1898.
(Willett, 1978, page 2).

1. Julian Manning: b January 9, 1888; d October 18, 1898.

2. Bernard Joseph: b December 3, 1890, in Waverly, Kentucky.

3. John Hampton: b December 21, 1891, in Henderson, Kentucky; m Odie Jean Pillman; resided in Evansville, Indiana.

1. Bernard Manning: b December 10, 1924, at Chicago, Illinois; m Nicholas Pecorara; he was an Ensign in the United States Navy during World War II.

1. Bernard Manning (II): b March 30, 1947, at Great Lakes, Illinois.

4. Clara Cornelia: b April 20, 1894, in Waverly, Kentucky.

5. Mary Lydia: b March 22, 1896, in Waverly, Kentucky.

6. James Francis: b July 29, 1898, in Owensboro, Kentucky.

O.1.7.10.7.7.4

FRANCIS MARION WILLETT and MARY ISABELLE MANNING of Union County, Kentucky

Francis Marion Willett was born on April 11, 1869, in Waverly, Kentucky. He married in Union County, Kentucky, on October 23m 1897, Annie Mary Edison (b 1877; d 1953), the daughter of Charles W. Edison and Josephine Willett.

Francis Willett was a farmer. He died in Union County on February 17, 1949; both are buried in Sacred Heart Cemetery in St. Vincent, Kentucky.

(Donnelly, page 168).

1. Mary Frances: b August 9, 1894, in Union County, Kentucky; m 1st Bernard Greene; m 2d W. C. (Dewey) Cavins (b March 16, 1894; d October 16, 1965); d January 10, 1958, in Uniontown, Kentucky.

2. Joseph Edison: b May 6, 1896, in Union County, Kentucky; m abt 1918 Diora Dalton; a farmer; d October, 1971, in Croydon, Kentucky. (Donnelly, page 255).

1. Malcolm: b April 12, 1920.

2. Joseph Leon: b April 22, 1922.

3. Mary Eloise: b 1926.

3. James Cosmo: b April 12, 1898; d 1964 in Mattoon, Illinois.

4. Leo Oliver: b March 10, 1900, in Union County, Kentucky; m in Evansville, Indiana, Mary Ines Williams; resides in Evansville, Indiana, where Leo Willett is a furniture dealer. (Donnelly, page 255).

1. Ronald Lee: b August 10, 1933, in Evansville, Indiana; m Margie Rhoades; d June 26, 1978, in Evansville, Indiana. (Donnelly, page 373).

1. Ronald Lee, Jr:

2. Yvonne Sheila:

3. Kirk Patrick:

2. Doris Sue: b February 23, 1938, in Evansville, Indiana; m Henry E. Weiss, a farmer; reside in Evansville, Indiana.

5. Flaget Augustine: b January 12, 1903.

6. Annie Beatrice: b July 14, 1908; d September 21, 1922, in a horse and buggy accident.

7. Charles Vaden: b May 6, 1912, near Waverly, Kentucky; m in Evansville, Indiana, on March 6, 1937, Josie Mae Cavender (b May 6, 1920), the daughter of Charles Marion Cavender and Cora Lee Williams.

1. Barbara Geraldine: b January 4, 1938, in Genea, Kentucky; m in Evansville, Indiana, on May 30, 1959, Arthur William Eberhard, Jr. (b January 1, 1934, in Evansville, Indiana).

2. Kay Sharon: b July 3, 1941, in Evansville, Indiana; m January 20, 1962, Eugene Herrenbruck (b January 14, 1941); reside in Wadesville, Indiana.

3. Vickie Leanna: b December 11, 1952, in Evansville, Indiana; m in Evansville, on September 11, 1971, Gerald M. Hudson, the son of Daniel Hudson; reside in Evansville.

4. Charles Vaden, Jr: b February 13, 1956, in Evansville, Indiana; m 1st in Evansville, Indiana, on October 5, 1974, Rhoda Sue Haller; they were divorced; m 2d August, 1979, Linda Fisher; reside in Evansville.

1. Amy Renee: b February 26, 1975.

2. Bradley Michael: b June, 1978.

O.1.7.10.7.8
LEWIS CLARK WILLETT and ADA JONES of Hitesville Precinct, Union County, Kentucky

Lewis Clark Willett was born on March 29, 1837, in Union County, Kentucky. His education consisted of 2 or 3 years at the neighborhood schools and ten months at St. Mary's College.

Lewis remained single for 40 years, and at Croydon, Kentucky, on April 1, 1879, he married Ada Jones, the daughter of Dr. Henry Sewell and Miranda C. (Pritchett) Jones.

> "Mr. Willett has one hundred and seventy-five acres of land, all of which is under cultivation. He lives in a log house, weather-boarded, which he helped to erect as early as 1848. It is prettily located, and is a commodious dwelling. He has been a member of the Catholic Church since infancy, and has wife has been a member since February, 1886" (History of Union County, Kentucky, 1886, page 754).

(Donnelly, page 119).

1. Herbert Waller: b February, 1880.
2. Hugh Clark: b August, 1881.
3. Edna: b September, 1882.
4. Louis: b July, 1887.
5. Jones: b July, 1887.
6. Milton: b March, 1891.
7. Richard: b July, 1895.

O.1.7.10.7.9
RICHARD D. WILLETT and MARTHA ANN VIRGINIA BUCKMAN
of Union County, Kentucky

Richard D. Willett was born on March 25, 1839, in Union County, Kentucky. He was baptised May 26, 1840, at Sacred Heart Church at St. Vincent, Kentucky. He married on November 9, 1858, Martha Ann Virginia (Jenny) Buckman (d November 14, 1907; T. B. of lungs).

Richard was a soldier in the Civil War. He was in Company G, First Kentucky Confederate Cavalry. There were 137 men in Company G (Willett, 1978, page 13).

Richard (Uncle Dick) Willett owned a big farm close to Utleyville. Richard died on January 12, 1916, age 76 years, 9 months, and 16 days. He is buried at St. Agnes Cemetery in Uniontown, Kentucky.

(Donnelly, page 120; Willett, 1978, pages 10-11).

1. Francis Marion: b December 1, 1859.

2. John Claude Richard: b April 16, 1862; m January 3, 1901, Ollie Jane Nally; d January 3, 1901. See next O.1.7.10.7.9.2.

3. William Eugene: b November 24, 1864; m February 12, 1889, 1st at St. Agnes Church, Uniontown, Kentucky, Annie Bolds (d before 1912); m 2d April 11, 1912, Mrs. Lillian May (Griggs) Buckman (b 1877; d 1961); d December 16, 1935. See next O.1.7.10.7.9.3.

4. Benedick Flaget (Ben Dick): b April 12, 1867; m Lillie Alvey; resided in Union County, Kentucky. (Donnelly, page 168).

1. Lawrence: b September, 1898.

2. Benedict Flaget, Jr: b December, 1899.

5. Charles Edward: b December 11, 1869; m at the Capitol Hotel January 11, 1893, Mary V. Davis; d January 18, 1893.

1. Henry Edward: m 1915 Marguerite Northup.

2. Allen: married.

1. Albertus:

2. Virginia.

3. Myrtle: m 1918 Herbert Mattingly.

6. Anna Mary: b April 22, 1872; m April 23, 1943, George Utley.

1. Clodine Utley: m Henry Dorset.

2. Willie Utley: m Emma Thurwanger.

3. Marguerite Utley: m Herbert Kellen.

7. Francis Verton: b January 19, 1874; m Abby Davis (sister to Mary V. Davis).

1. Nora L: b January 14, 1903.

2. Louise: b October 17, 1913.

8. Julie Emma: b May 23, 1876, m October 16, 1901, William Clark Buckman; resides in Princeton, Indiana.

9. Thomas Clark: b March 24, 1881, in Union County, Kentucky; m 1899 Julia Culver; owned a farm in Hitesville, Kentucky; he liked to go to platform dances which were held often in the community; d December 28, 1898.

1. Nellie: b abt 1900; was a school taecher.

2. Cora: b abt 1902; d at age 4 when her clothes caught fire. She was heating an iron on a fireplace grate to iron some doll clothes.

10. Frances Emma: b March 11, 1884; m Will Buckman; resided in Paducah.

1. Lucille Buckman: entered a convent to become a nun; became ill and died.

2. Elvira Buckman: d while cleaning some clothes with gasoline.

3. Mary Buckman:

O.1.7.10.7.9.2

JOHN CLAUDE RICHARD WILLETT and OLLIE JANE NALLY of Union County, Kentucky

John Claude Richard Willett was born on April 16, 1862, in Union County, Kentucky. He married on January 3, 1901, Ollie Jane Nally. They lived at "Bend of Creek." "All of the children had to work every day from early morning until late at night to be able to make a living."

"Claude Richard Willett was a big man. He was over six feet tall, and his weight was around 200 pounds. He was a farmer. He worked on a farm for his father, Dick, that was owned by Sowards and later owned by Dick Willett. The farm was on the Morganfield-Smith Road. He married Ollie Jane when she was 14 years of age."

"It was the custom at that time for the men to celebrate Christmas by going around to all the nearly houses in the neighborhood and singing songs. Most men could play some muscial instrument and sing. As they stopped at each house, the family would give the men some refreshments, usually liquor. They took some with them just in case they ran low.

Ollie Jane did not want Claude to go out with the men that year. She said, Claude please don't go with them tonight. Let the younger men go alone this time. Stay home with me and the children. Claude would not listen. He was a leader in his community. He enjoyed going out with his friends. That year the men drank too much. There was a fight, then another one. Claude was so big and so strong that he could easily win any fight. Two of the men became angry with him and wanted to harm him.

They were returning home late that night when they had to crawl under a rail fence. As Claude was crawling between the rails, one of the men brought out a Bowie knife which has a blade about six inches long. Another man was with him. James Buckman stabbed him twice in the right side. George Utley was the other man.

This was on Christmas Eve. Claude was taken to his sister Annie's home which was nearby. she lived about 3 miles from Smith Mills. Claude's daughter, Virgie, came to Annie's home to take care of him. She stayed there until he died on January 3, 1901" (Willett, 1978, page 14).

They were a Catholic family. Claude died on January 3, 1901.
(Willett, 1978, pages 12-14).

1. Agnes Ethel: b January 29, 1885, in Union County, Kentucky; single; d June 23, 1910. "She stayed at home on the farm and helped with the house work and the cooking." She was a strict Catholic and a good fiddle player.

2. John Elbert: b January 31, 1886, in Union County, Kentucky; bp December 12, 1886, at St. Vincent Church; m Jessie Elizabeth Coney (b February 12, 1888); d March 14, 1972. (Willett, 1978, page 29).

3. Anne Virginia: b April 12, 1887, in Union County; bp December 14, 1887, at St. Vincent Church; m John Patrick Coney; d February 8, 1968.

4. Owen: b April 23, 1888, in Union County; m Mary (Mayme) Ella Culver; d January 7, 1966. (Willett, 1978, page 36).

5. Henry Benjamin: b November 23, 1889, in Union County; m Mary Davis; d November 7, 1922.

6. Stephen (twin): b November 6, 1892; bachelor; in the service for about eight years; killed by some moonshiners who were making "white mule" when he was mistaken for a revenuer; d July 25, 1922.

7. Cleveland (twin): b November 6, 1892; d November 8, 1892.

8. Margaret Mary: b June 8, 1894, in Union County; m 1st Nace Mills; m 2d Clifford Parker; d February 15, 1977.

9. Claude (Chick): b March 20, 1896, in Union County; bachelor; he was shot in the neck while in the service; survived this wound and died later in 1924 in Hawaii.

10. Clyde: b June 17, 1898, in Union County; m Charlie Houston Griggs.

11. Mary Lucy: b June 18, 1900, in Union County; m Herman Durbin; resided in Evansville; no issue.

1. Mary Veronica Mills (adopted):

O.1.7.10.7.9.3
WILLIAM EUGENE WILLETT of Union County, Kentucky

William Eugene Willett was born on November 24, 1864. He married 1st on February 12, 1889, 1st at St. Agnes Church, Uniontown, Kentucky, Annie Bolds (d before 1912). William Willett married 2d April 11, 1912, Mrs. Lillian May (Griggs) Buckman (b 1877; d 1961).
He died on December 16, 1935.
(Willett, 1978, page 15).

1. John Richard: b October 6, 1896; m Mrs. Josie Abell Floyd.

2. Maynard: b abt 1898; m Annie Shively; after Maynard's death, Annie went to Louisville to live with her daughter, Farnces.

1. Frances: m J. B. Floyd; resides in Louisville.

2. Lawrence Sylvester: m Donia Nadine Powell.

1. Jeff:

2. Beth:

3. Barry:

4. Jerrod:

3. Thomas: m Mary Wimsett; moved to Louisville.

1. Rhonda:

2. Kim:

3. Timmy:

4. Jimmy: m Carol Lou Floyd.

1. Greg:

2. Karen:

3. Sandy:

4. Stephanie Jill.

O.1.7.10.10
GEORGE W. WILLETT and NANCY HANCOCK of Nelson County, Kentucky

George W. Willett was born on October 8, 1806, in Nelson County, Kentucky. He was nicknamed "Old Trigger." He married about 1823, Nancy Hancock (b February 8, 1808; d July 27, 1881), the daughter of James Hancock.

> "George, Jr., inherited the plantation at the death of his father. He continued to run the place and supervise the work of the slaves. He spent long hours in the fields. When he returned to his house aftre a day in the fields, he would stop just outside the back door to wash his face and hands before going inside. He used a wash pan that the salves kept taking away to their own cabins. This happened many times, and George became annoyed. No matter how many times he got another washpan, he never seemed to have one when he needed it. He finally thought of a solution. He told his strongest slaves to find a large stone and bring it to the yard. He then had the stone chiseled out to form a washpan. He used the stone wash pan for many years. It was never lost again. George liked it so much, that he wrote it into his will. He wanted it to be used as his Gravestone when he was buried."
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> "The Willett's had a perpetual cooling system for their milk and other food. This was an oblong tank, made of bricks, at the spring just under a gigantic elm tree. The tank had an overflow height of a half gallon jar in which they kept their milk. The water always flowed in and out continually" (Willett, 1978, page 8).

George Willett was baptised into the Catholic Church in the 1860s. He took the baptismal name of George Joseph Willett. However, he did not remain a practising Catholic the rest of his life.

George died on October 18, 1892. He is buried near his home in the Gethsemane Abbey Cemetery.

> "From the pen of Geo. W. Willett: for the information of my children, I write a short history of all the old Willetts, my aunts and uncles. They came from Virginia and Maryland to Kentucky. They were Geo. (my father) born 1757 died 1811, Samuel, William, Griffin, James, Rachel and Henry Child's mother. All of them came to Kentucky and settled in Nelson County on Pottenger's Creek and lived in Pottenger's Fort which was built in 1781. Captain Pottenger cut the first piece of timbe on the creek in the winter of 1778.
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> My mother was Elizabeth Sanders, born 1768, died 1814. Her Brothers were Samuel, Joe, and Joshua Sanders, and her sister's name was Nancy ...
>
> James, my only son, is my sixth child. My conk shell is a present from James Willett (son of John Willett). He once visited the Mediterrean Sea and picked up the shell himself. At my death the shell is to go to my son James.

I desire to be buried in the orchard, beside, or at the head of my father and mother, the stone at the meathouse to be put edgewise at the head of my grave. I die what is called a Protestant, not a Catholic, but all the faithful of every Christian church will be saved, Catholic or Protestant. My faith is not in churches, but in Christ Jesus, Our Lord. I profess to know nothing but Christ and Him Crucified. I write this that their may be no argument or dispute as to what I belonged. Let everyone be fully persuaded in their own mind, I worship God, not men and Churches" (Donnelly, page 75).

1. Mary Ann: b May 21, 1825, Nelson County; m February 23, 1846, Zachariah Bell.

2. Elizabeth: b January 9, 1818; m abt 1850 Richard P. Vowels.

3. Margaret: b March 5, 1830, in Nelson County, Kentucky; m 1st November 9, 1849, John L. Kenedy (d shortly after his marriage); m 2d Moses Linton.

4. Evelyn: b May 5, 1832, in Nelson County, Kentucky; m in Nelson County, on Ocotber 19, 1854, Samuel M. Vittitoe.

5. Rebecca Jane: b February 10, 1834, in Nelson County; m in Nelson County, on August 29, 1853, James Neridius Ballard (b July 11, 1834; d January 6, 1914); d June 10, 1914.

6. James H: b January 8, 1837, in Nelson County, Kentucky; m on February 18, 1860, Elizabeth Norris (b November 16, 1840; d September 17, 1904); lived on property adjoining Gethsemane Abbey; d April 8, 1902; both are buried at Gethsemane. (Donnelly, page 121). See next O.1.7.10.10.6.

7. Louisa M: b February 18, 1839, in Nelson County; m February 18, 1839, in Nelson County, William Y. Linton.

8. Nancy H. (twin): b March 5, 1840; m abt 1860 Reason Price.

9. Susan (twin): b March 5, 1840; m abt 1860 Thomas Humphrey.

10. Galena Bell: b July 6, 1846, in Nelson County; m December 12, 1865, James Rowland Clark.

11. De Lyly Jane (Lila): b March 5, 1849, in Nelson County; m 1st September 18, 1877, Charles Cissell (b January 3, 1852; d January 24, 1929); d June 29, 1920.

O.1.7.10.10.6
JAMES HANCOCK WILLETT and ELIZABETH NORRIS of Nelson County, Kentucky

James Hancock Willett was born on January 8, 1837, in Nelson County, Kentucky. He married on February 18, 1860, Elizabeth Norris (b November 16, 1840; d September 17, 1904). They lived on property adjoining Gethsemane Abbey.

He died on April 8, 1902; both are buried at Gethsemane. (Donnelly, page 121).

1. Isadore: b November 16, 1860, in Nelson County, Kentucky; m John Ford; d 1901.

2. John S: b May 15, 1862, in Nelson County, Kentucky; m in Nelson County on December 21, 1885, Mary Elizabeth (Sister) Settle; d 1889.

1. Susan: b April, 1887; m Linus Cissel.

2. Mary Elizabeth (Dutch): b February, 1889; m Ben O'Brien.

3. Alice: b January 21, 1864; single, nurse; d February 2, 1928.

4. Cora: b December 13, 1865, in Nelson County; m Isaac Middleton; d in Oklahoma.

5. George: b September 19, 1867; d 1870.

6. Flora: b October 10, 1868.

7. James Hancock: b June 28, 1871, in Nelson County; m in Nelson County, on November 30, 1893, Cordelia Marie Bartley (b February 29, 1878; d November 30, 1930), the daughter of Richard Bartley and Ann Greenwell; resided in Nelson County; d September 6, 1946. (Donnelly, page 169).

1. Mary Ollie: b September 19, 1893.

2. William Jennings: b November 18, 1896.

3. Mary Louise (Lulu): b January 26, 1899.

4. Iva Germaine: b September 6, 1901.

5. James Claud: b May 20, 1903.

6. John Henry: b November 9, 1905; single.

7. Monica: b July 26, 1908.

8. Viola A: b December 7, 1910.

9. Aline E: b April 30, 1912; single.

10. George: b January 17, 1914; single.

11. Joseph I: b November 27, 1917.

8. Louise: b March 16, 1873.

9. Rebecca Jane (Jennie): b February 2, 1875.

10. Samuel Tilden: b October 20, 1876.

11. Sarah Elizabeth (Sylvia): b October 10, 1878.

12. Blanche: b July 11, 1880.

13. Mayme Frances: b June 25, 1884.

O.1.7.11
JOHN WILLETT and ELIZABETH SIMMONS of Prince Georges County, Maryland

John Willett was born about 1759 in Prince Georges County, Maryland. He married about 1780 Elizabeth Simmons. He died before 1788. (Donnelly, page 43).

1. James: b abt 1782; traveled to the Mediterranean.

2. Samuel: b abt 1785; m in Nelson County, Kentucky, February 7, 1798, Sarah McEtie.

O.1.7.13
JAMES WILLETT and MARY BLAND
of Nelson County, Kentucky (then Virginia), and Hardin County, Kentucky

James Willett was born in 1768 in Prince Georges County, Maryland. On September 1, 1782, the Indians massacred six or seven families of settlers at Simpson's Creek. George Rogers Clark led a punitive force against the Indians. It was James's brothers who fought with General Clark and saw the new country first hand. They returned to Maryland and convinced their families and neighbors to start a new life in the wilderness of (then) western Virginia.

> "James Willett accompanied his brothers, Samuel Willett, and George Willett (before 1785), to Kentucky" (Donnelly, page 44).

On December 20, 1790, he married in Nelson County, Virginia (now Kentucky) Sarah Bland, the daughter of Osborn Bland.

> "James Willett's property in Nelson County, Kentucky, adjoined that of his brothers, Samuel Willett, and Griffith Willett" (Donnelly, page 45).
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> "On March 31, 1832, James and Sarah Willett sold to George Willett, the son of George E. Willett, their 400 acres on the waters of Pottenger's Creek, for $500.00 (Deed 19:244); James and Sarah Willett moved to Hardin County, Kentucky, where they remained until their death" (Donnelly, page 45).

James Willett's will is dated August 20, 1843, and was probated on January 20, 1851. (Donnelly, pages 44-45).

1. Verlinda: b abt 1791 in Nelson County; m 1st Benjamin Mobberly; m 2d on August 3, 1812, in Nelson County, Samuel Duncan.

2. Lydia: b abt 1793 in Nelson County, Kentucky; m February 24, 1813, Thomas David (d 1844); m 2d Francis Cooper.

3. Rachel: b abt 1795 in Nelson County, Kentucky; m November 6, 1814, in Nelson County, Kentucky, Thomas Simmons.

4. Lettice (Betty): b abt 1797, in Nelson County, Kentucky; m August 2, 1822, Uriah Cissell.

5. Margaret: b 1800 in Nelson County, Kentucky; m December 21, 1821, John Vittetow (b May 29, 1794; d January 9, 1857); d October 15, 1849.

6. William B: b 1806 in Nelson County, Kentucky; m 1st Martha Hanes (b 1817; d 1853); m 2d Malinda Locker (d 1857 in childbirth), the daughter of William Locker; they resided in Hardin County, Kentucky. See next O.1.7.13.6.

7. James B: b 1809 in Nelson County, Kentucky; m in Harrington County, Kentucky September 18, 1832, Elizabeth Harrington (b 1813), the daughter of David Harrington; they resided in Hardin County, Kentucky. See next O.1.7.13.7.

8. Mary G: b 1816 in Nelson County, Kentucky; resided in Hardin County, Kentucky; m July 16, 1834, Elias Jeffries, a plasterer.

9. Tabitha: b 1820 in Nelson County, Kentucky; resided in Hardin County, Kentucky; m October 11, 1837, John George Creager (b 1805), a farmer.

O.1.7.13.6
WILLIAM B. WILLETT of Hardin County, Kentucky

William B. Willett was born in 1806 in Nelson County, Kentucky. He married 1st Martha Hanes (b 1817; d 1853). He married 2d Malinda Locker (d 1857 in childbirth), the daughter of William Locker; they resided in Hardin County, Kentucky. (Donnelly, page 80).

1. Sadford T: b 1840.

2. Warren: b 1843.

3. Medford: b 1847.

4. William K: b November 25, 1854.

5. Willett: b and d 1857.

O.1.5.13.7
JAMES B. WILLETT and ELIZABETH HARRINGTON of Hardin County, Kentucky

James B. Willett was born in 1809 in Nelson County, Kentucky. He married in Hardin County, Kentucky, on September 18, 1832, Elizabeth Harrington (b 1813 in Hardin County, Kentucky; d in Texas), the daughter of David Harrington, and the sister of Bryant Harrington and Susannah Goodman; they resided in Hardin County, Kentucky.

In 1851, Elizabeth Willett divorced James in Trenton, Grundy County, Missouri. Elizabeth and children removed to Palo Pinto, Palo Pinto County, Texas (near Mineral Wells),

about 1860, but because of the fierce Indian attacks moved on to Sherman, Grayson County, (or Lubbock, Lubbock County) Texas, in the 1870s. (Donnelly, page 80; 1860 Palo Pinto County, Texas, census).

1. David: b 1834 in Kentucky. (1860 Palo Pinto County, Texas, census).

2. Isaiah: b 1838 in Kentucky; m in Texas. (1860 Palo Pinto County, Texas, census).

3. Wesley: b 1840 in Kentucky; m in Texas. (1860 Palo Pinto County, Texas, census).

4. Mary E: b abt 1842; possibly m abt 1859 James Loving; the Lovings were neighbors of the Willett family in both Kentucky and Texas.

5. James P: b 1843; m in Kentucky. (1860 Palo Pinto County, Texas, census).

6. Susan Paulina: b September 24, 1845, in Hardin County, Kentucky; m April 9, 1861, Newton White; moved in the 1890s to White Oaks, New Mexico (now a ghost town); d January 2, 1928, in Tucumean, New Mexico. (1860 Palo Pinto County, Texas, census).

7. Bryant P: b 1851. (1860 Palo Pinto County, Texas, census).

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